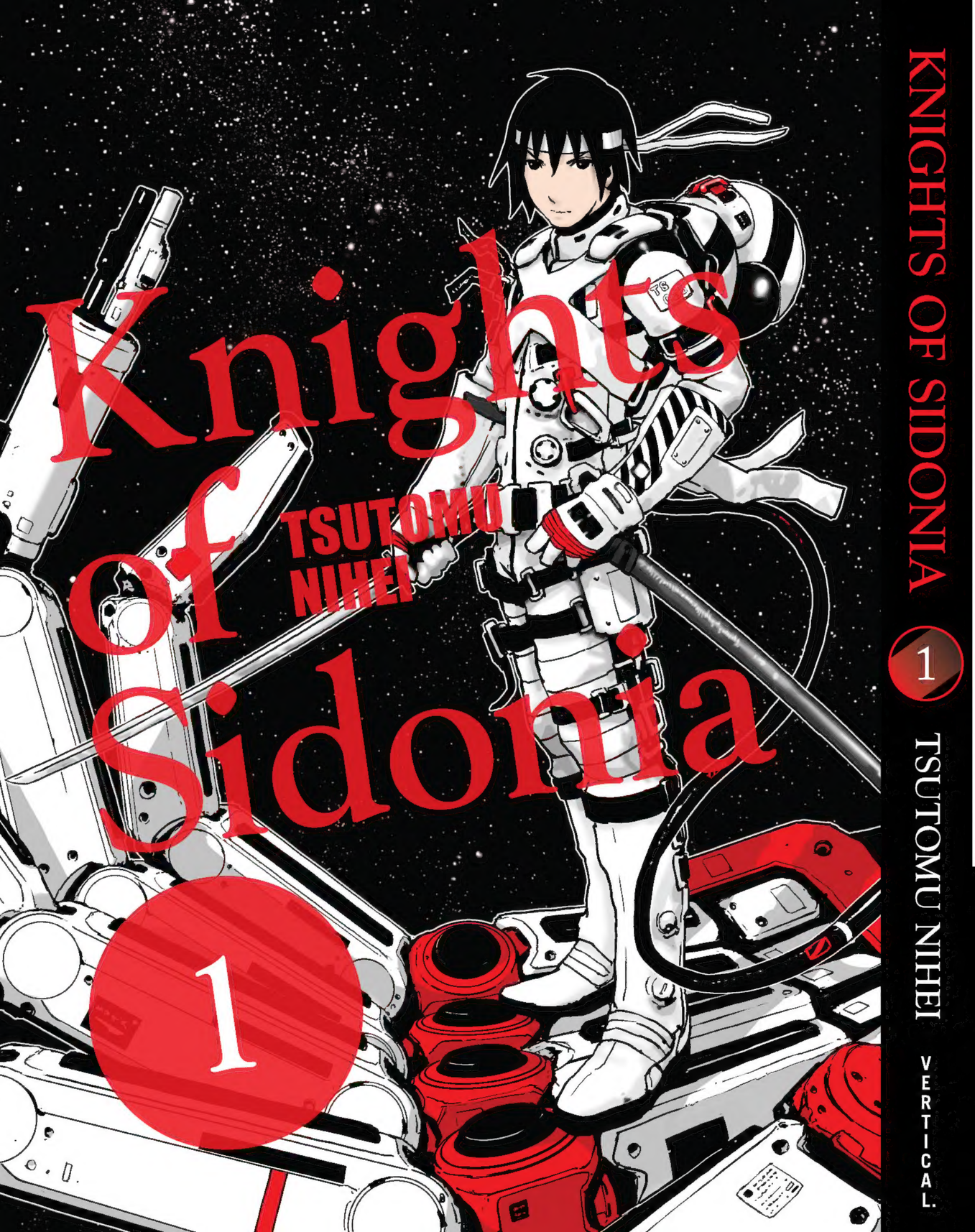

KNIGHTS OF SIDONIA 1

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VERTICAL.

"CORE EXPOSED"

Outer space, the far future.

A lone seed ship, the *Sidonia,* plies the void, ten centuries since the obliteration of the solar system. The massive, nearly indestructible, yet barely sentient alien life forms that destroyed humanity's home world continue to pose an existential threat.

Nagate Tanikaze has only known life in the vessel's bowels deep below the sparkling strata where humans have achieved photosynthesis and new genders. Not long after he emerges from the Underground, however, the youth is bequeathed a treasured legacy by the spaceship's coolheaded female captain.

Meticulously drawn, peppered with clipped humor, but also unusually attentive to plot and structure for the international cult favorite, *Knights of Sidonia* may be Tsutomu Nihei's most accessible work to date even as it hits notes of tragic grandeur when a hopeless struggle for survival unfolds.

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KNIGHTS OF SIDONIA
BY TSUTOMU NIHEI

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THIS IS SECOND RECLA-MATION BUREAU!

ゴオオオ

ZOOOOM

ピー BEEP

ピー BEEP

スン

CREEP

A GAUNA HAS AP-PEARED !!

WE ARE UNDER A GAUNA ATTACK!!

PLEASE, MAKE IT!!

#1 Nagate Tanikaze's Choice

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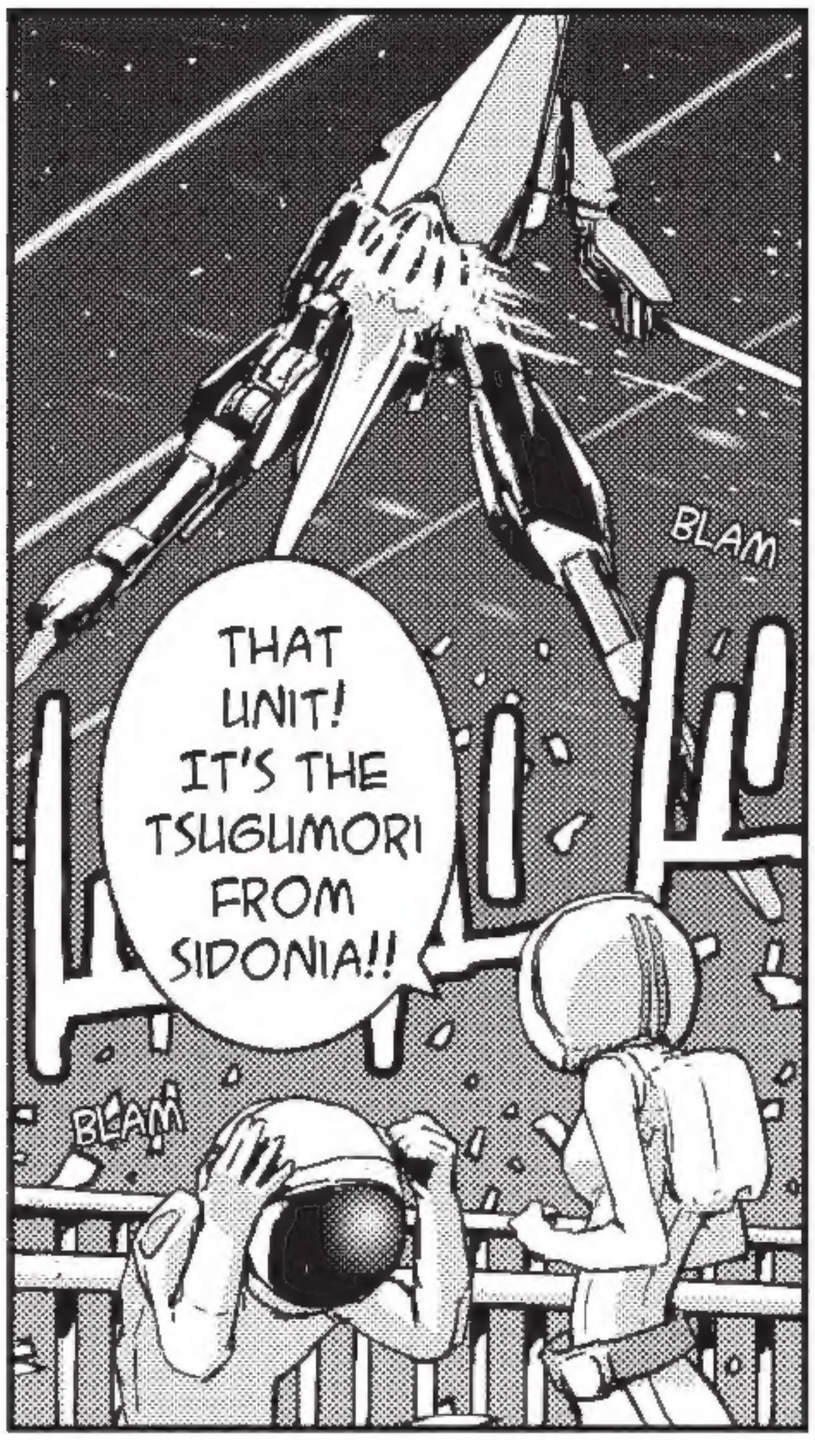
ZLURP

DOOM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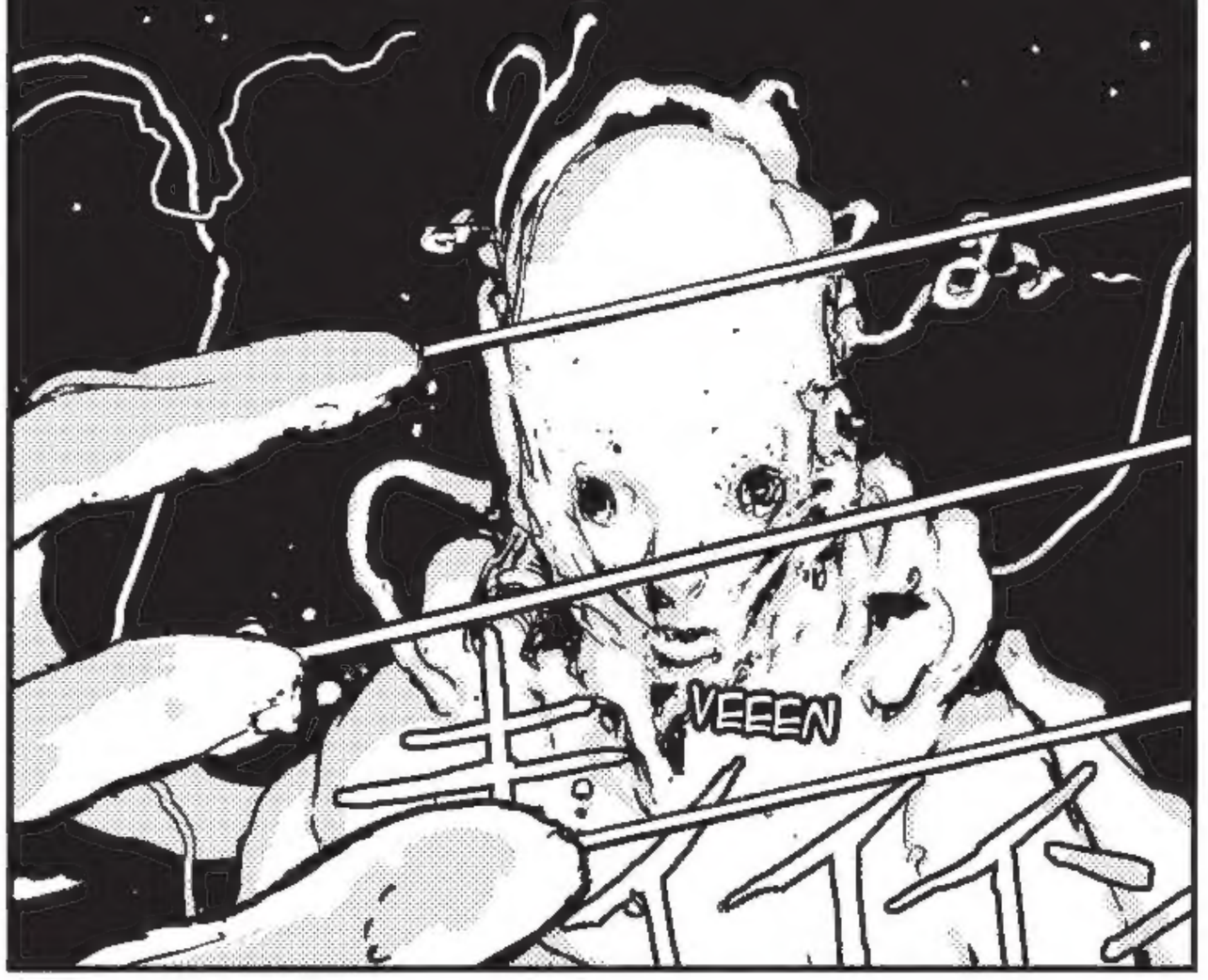
THAT UNIT! IT'S THE TSUGUMORI FROM SIDONIA!!
BLAM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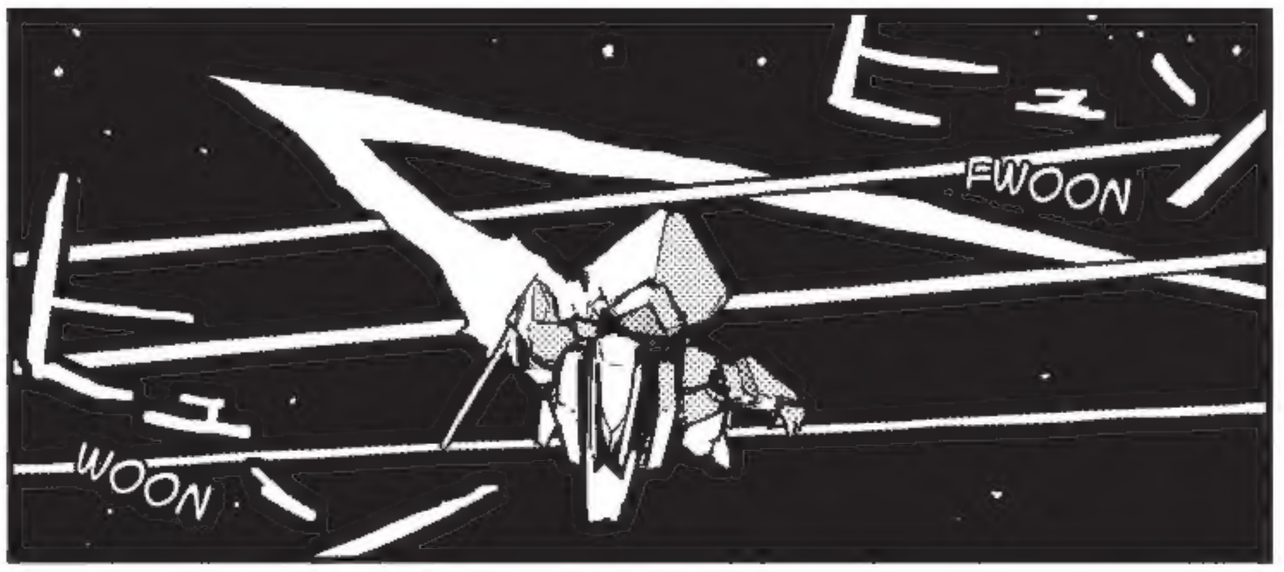
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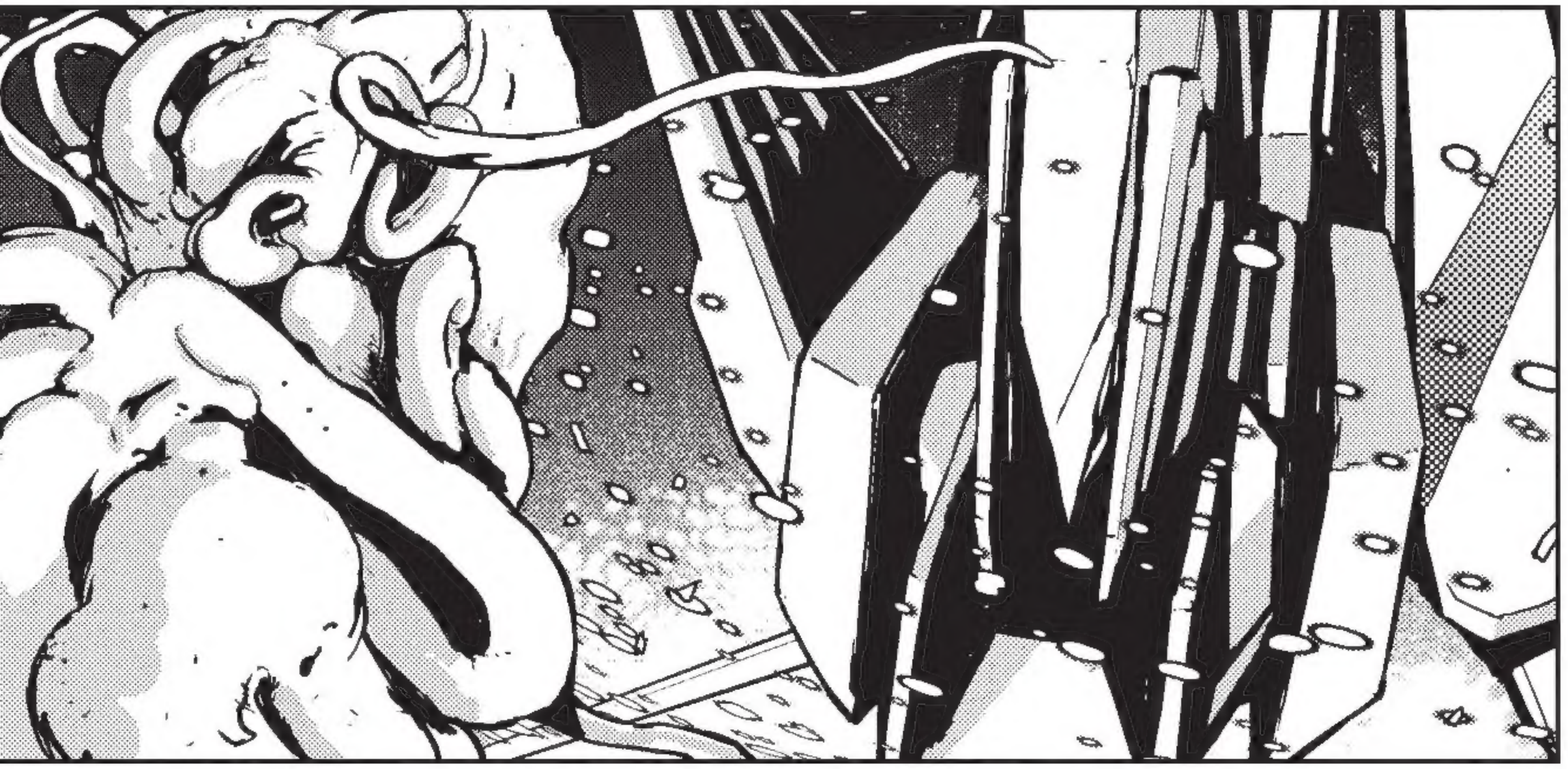

PHEWWWN

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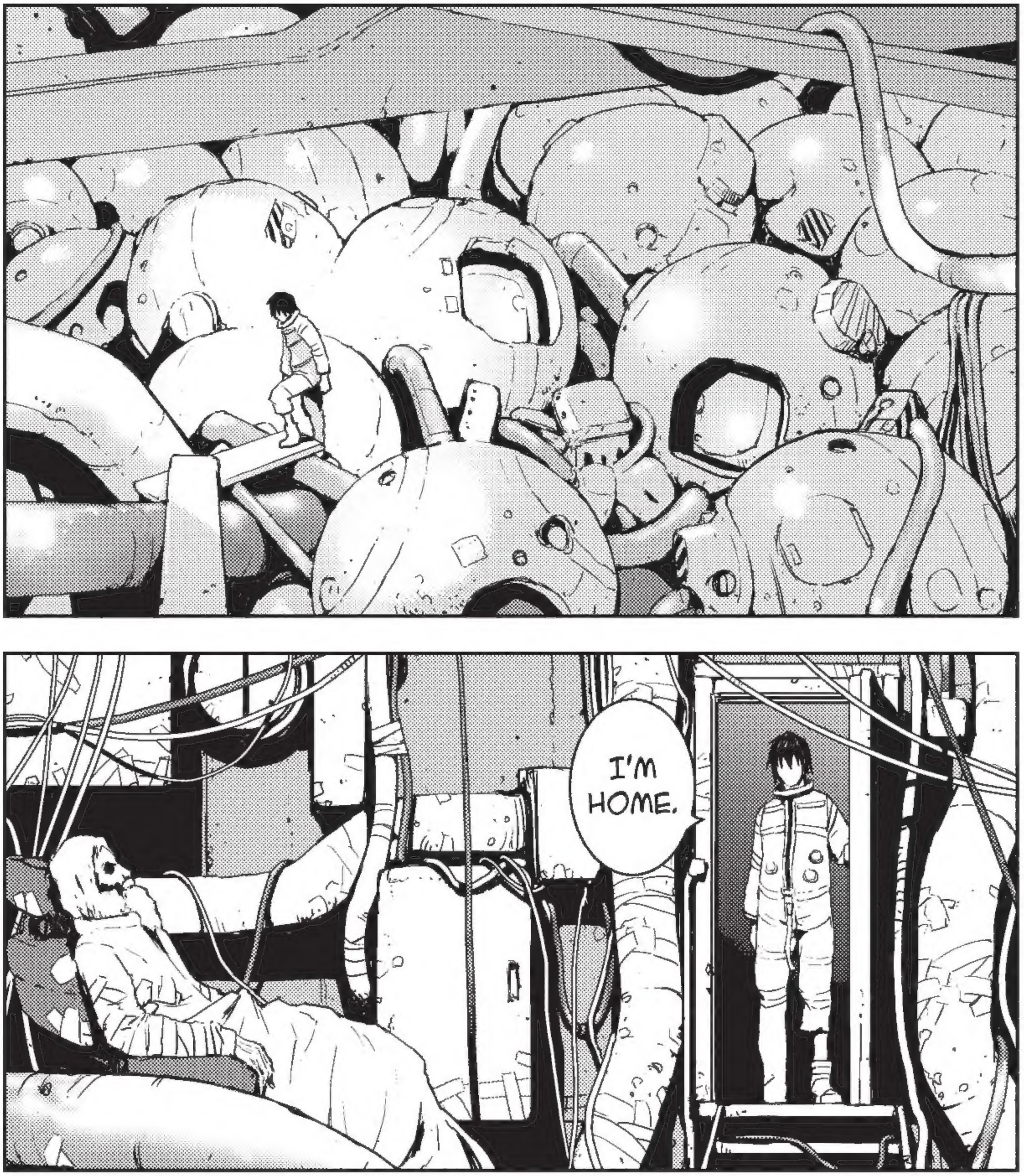
TUNK

Virtual Garde
Training System

1ST NAGATE 99999999
2ND NAGATE 99999999
3RD NAGATE 99999999

CREAK

STEP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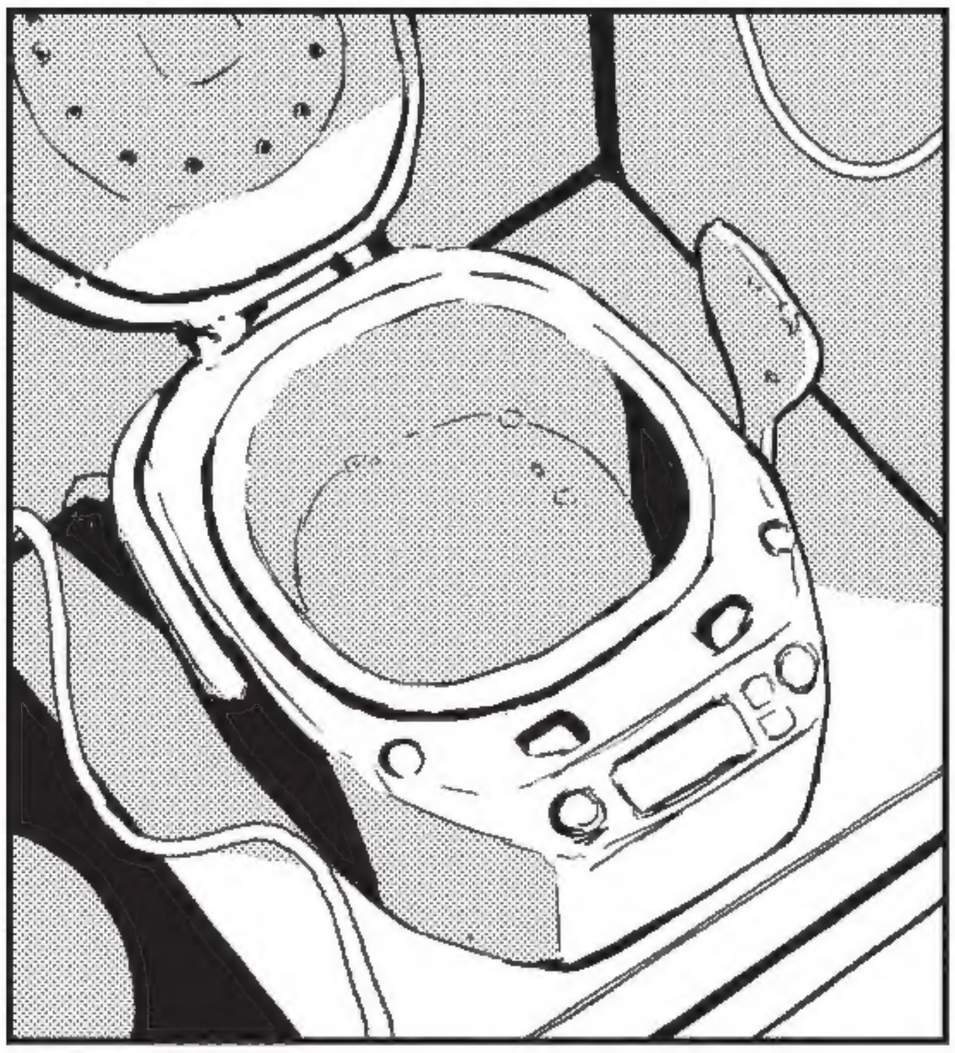

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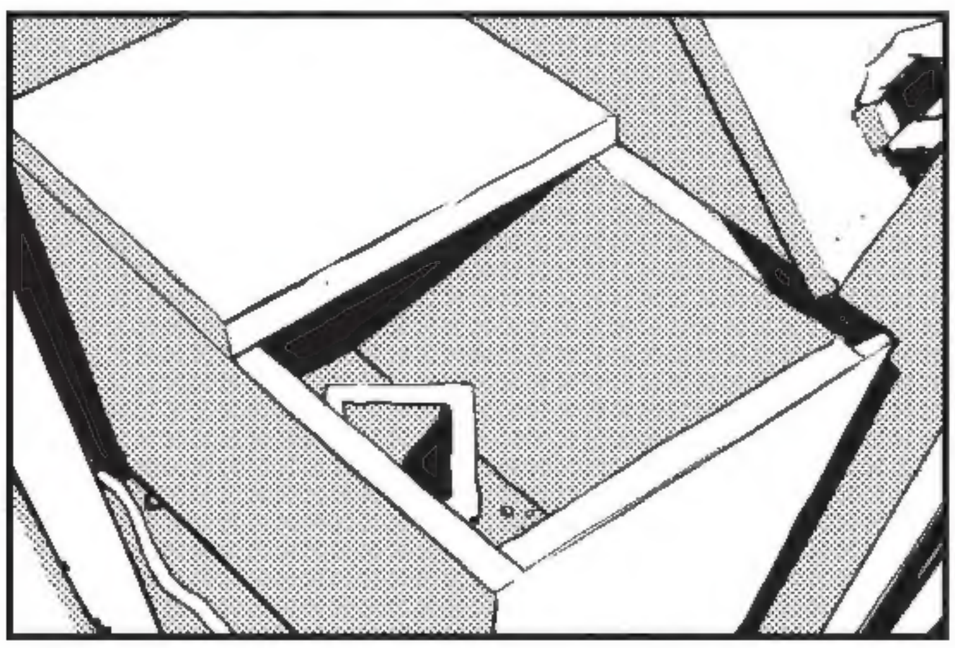
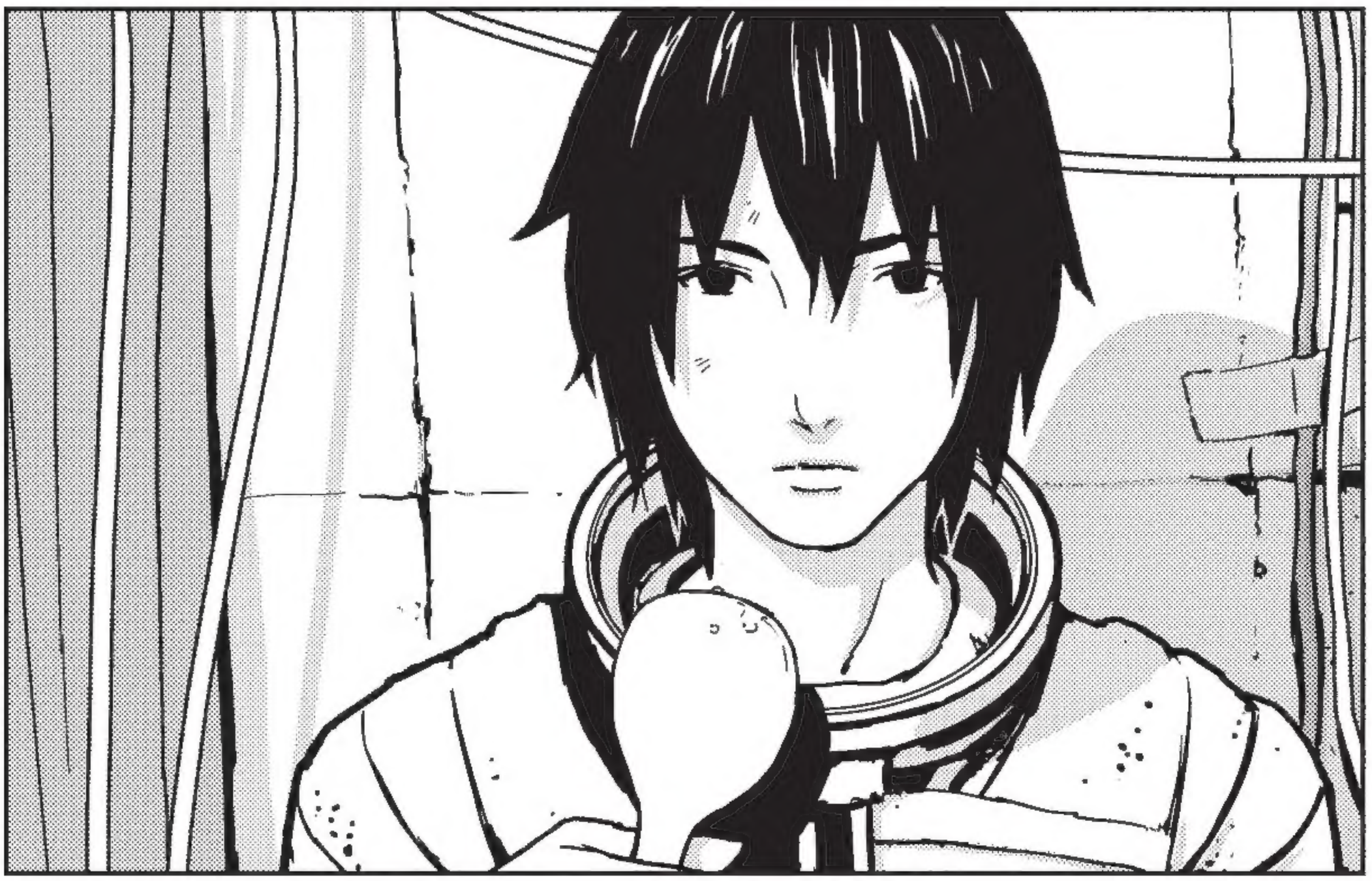




I'LL GO GET SOME RICE TOMOR-ROW...

INSECT

KLACK

FOOD STORAGE 8

NAGATE, DO NOT ENTER HIROKI

I VIOLATED GRAMPS' LAST WISH AND WENT LEFT.

HAH

HGAH

BUH!

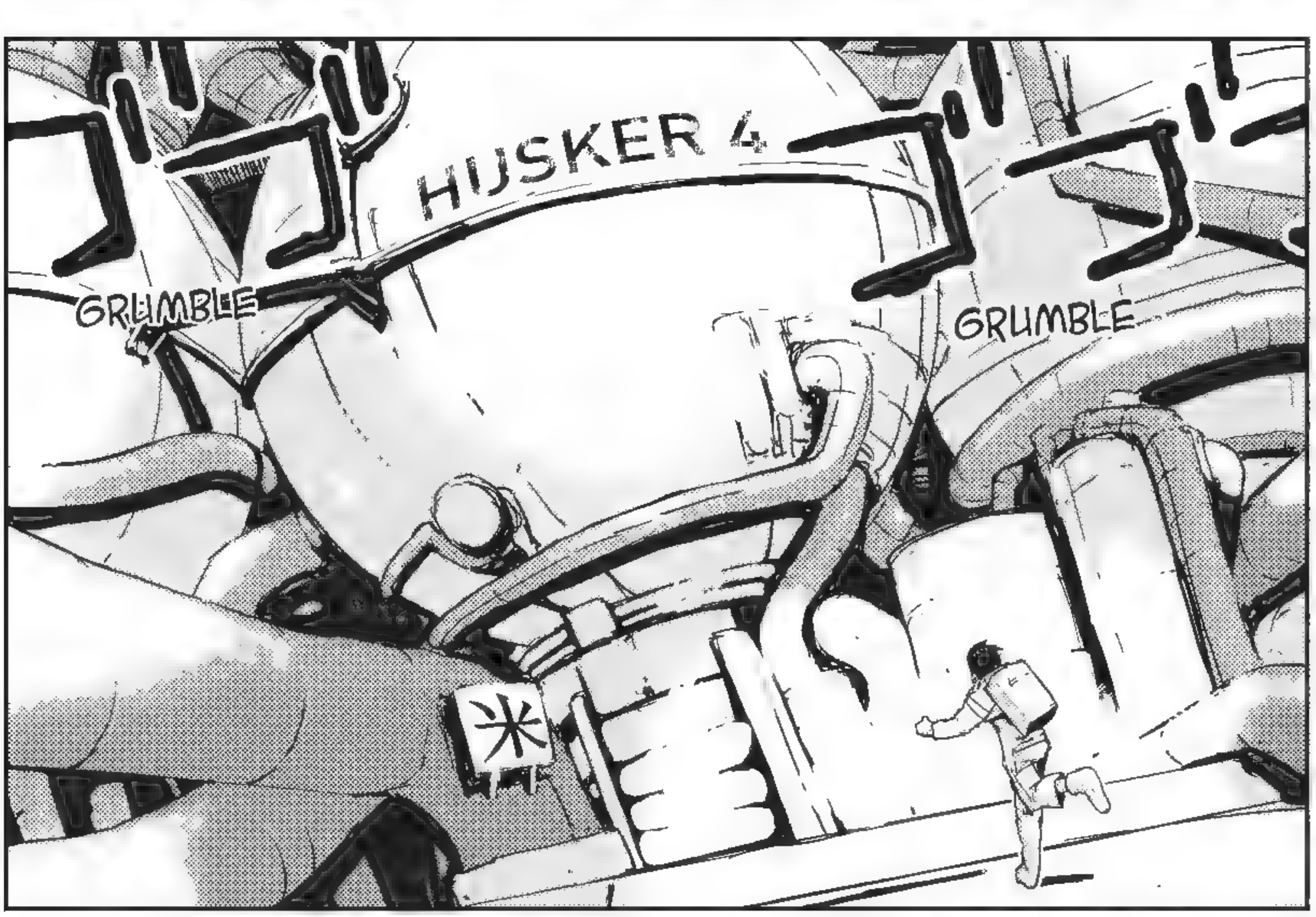
GRAB

!!

SLIP

RUMBLE

米
Rice
THIS SMELL ...


HUSKER 4
GRUMBLE
GRUMBLE
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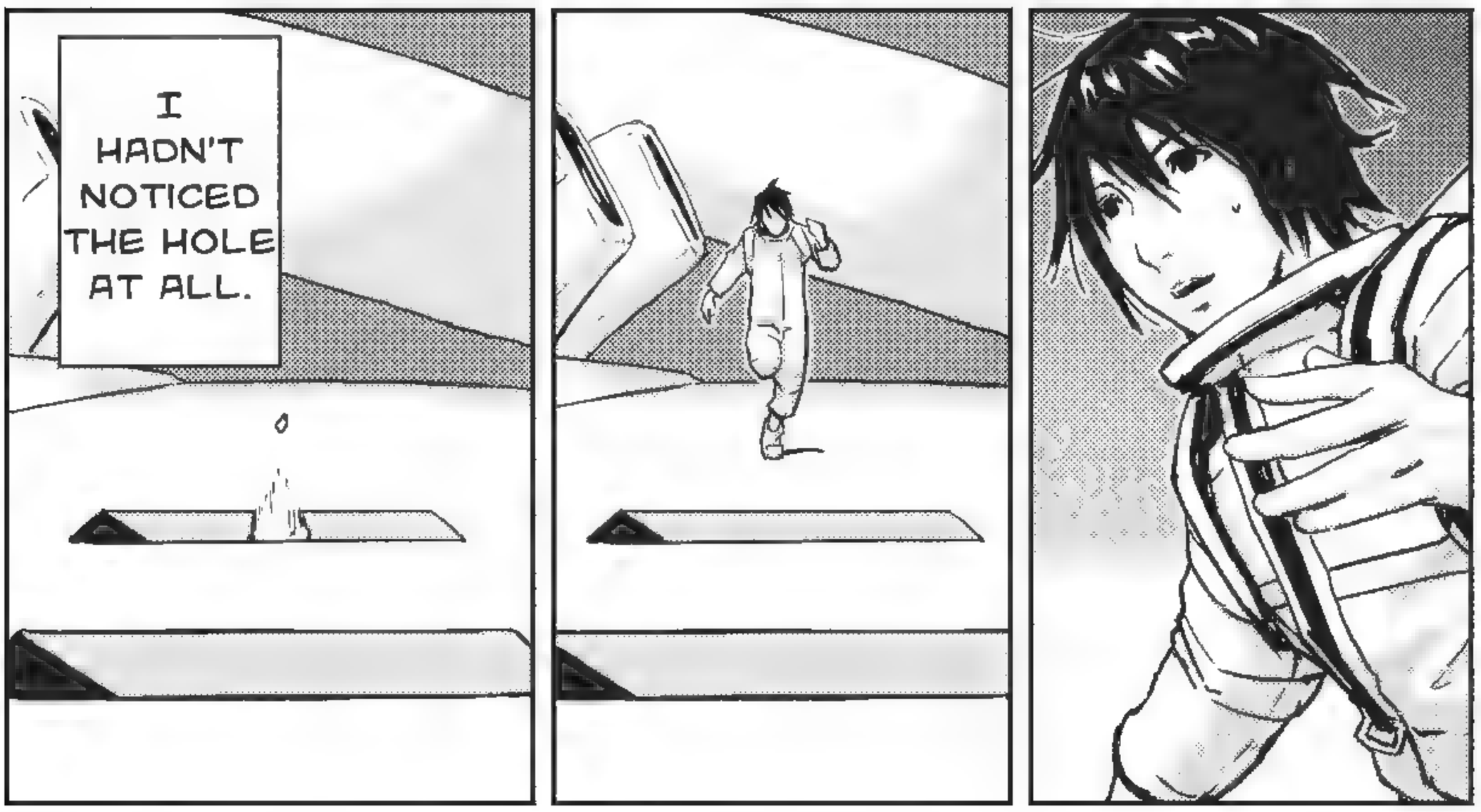
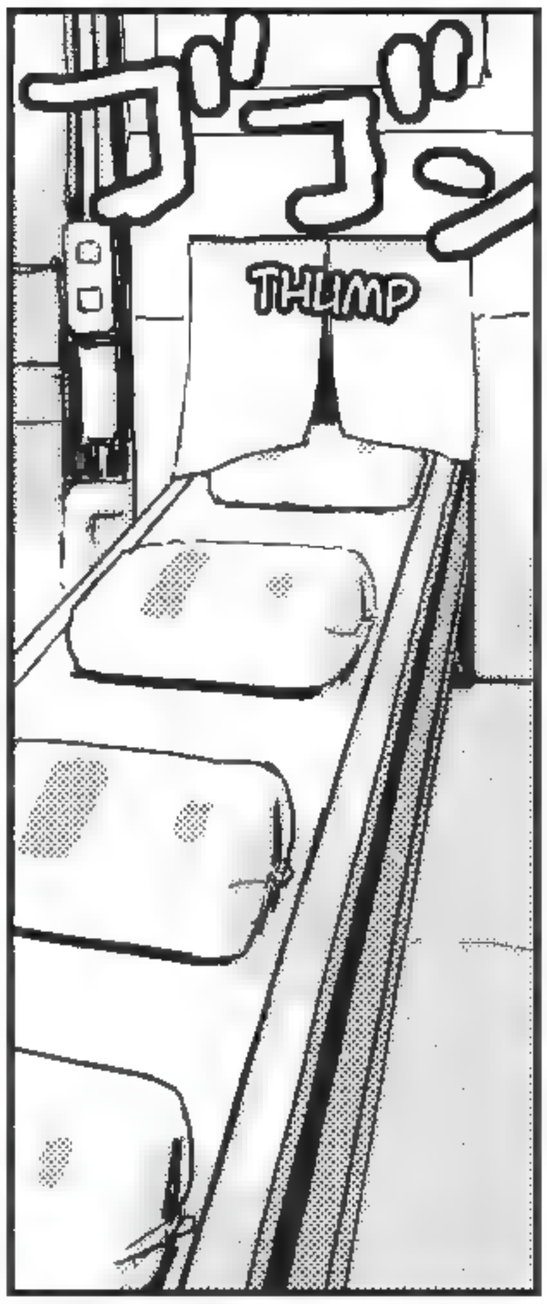

I HADN'T NOTICED THE HOLE AT ALL.

RUMBLE

ZW

ZVSH

RUMBLE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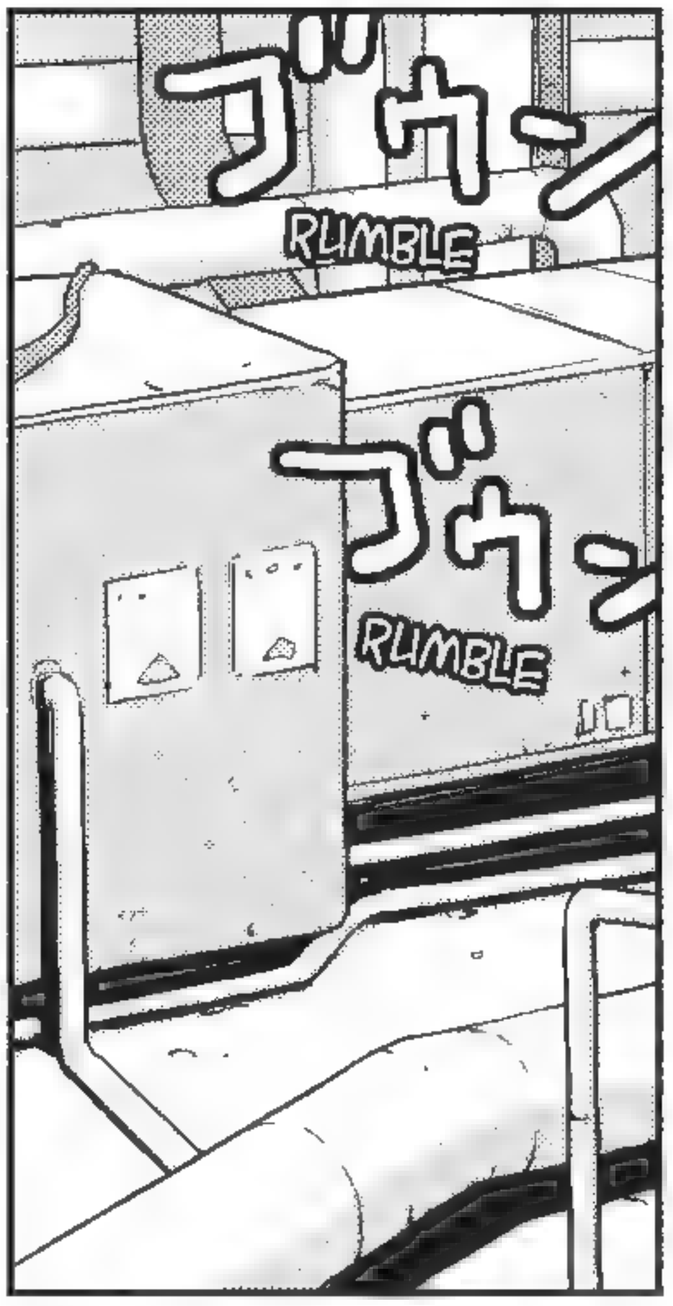
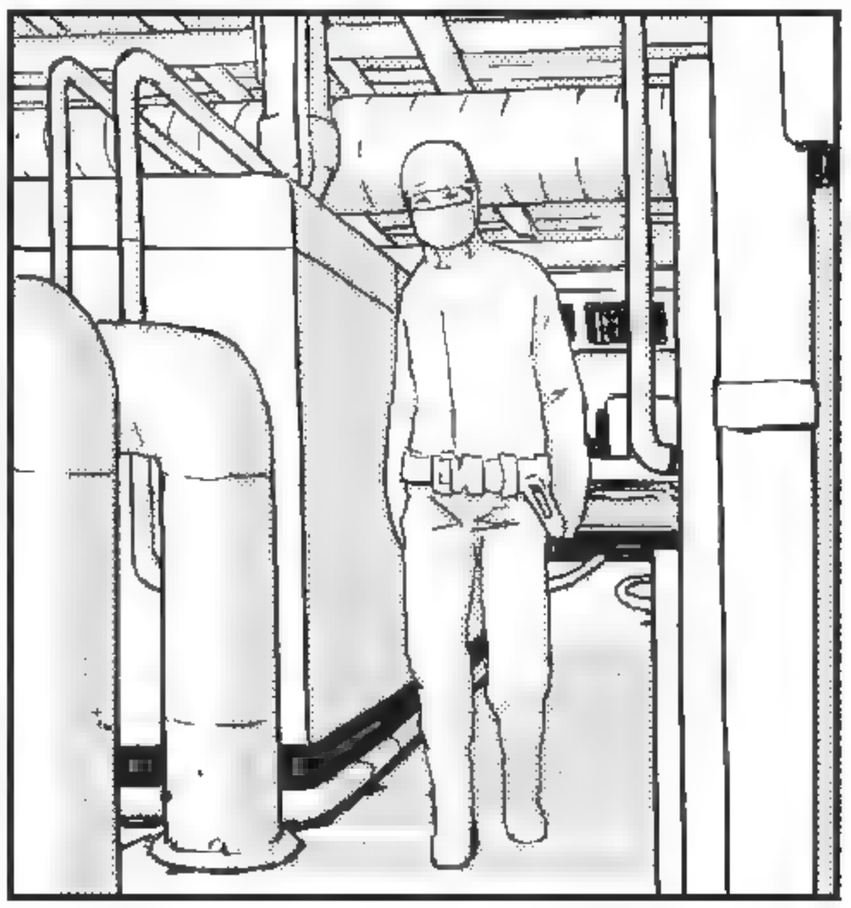

RUMBLE
RUMBLE

WHOA
!!

WHAT'S
THE
MATTER
?



ARE YOU... STEALING RICE?

I'D NEVER MET ANY OTHER HUMAN BESIDES GRAMPS.

PAT

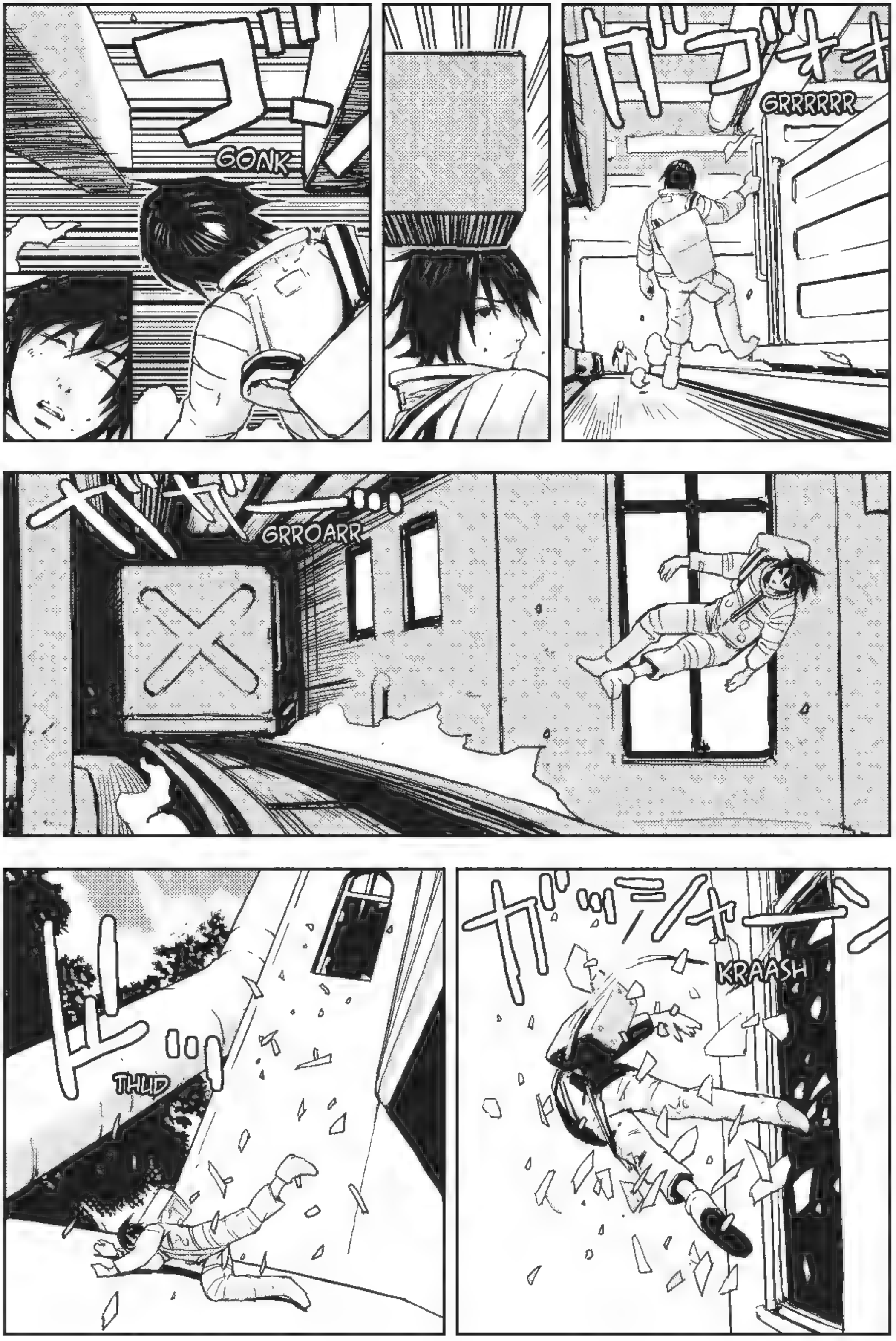
BACK THEN, I SERIOUSLY BELIEVED THAT THEY'D TURN ME INTO MANURE IF I GOT CAUGHT.

WHUMP

WAIT, DIRTY BASTARD !!

GRINDDD

JUMP


GONK
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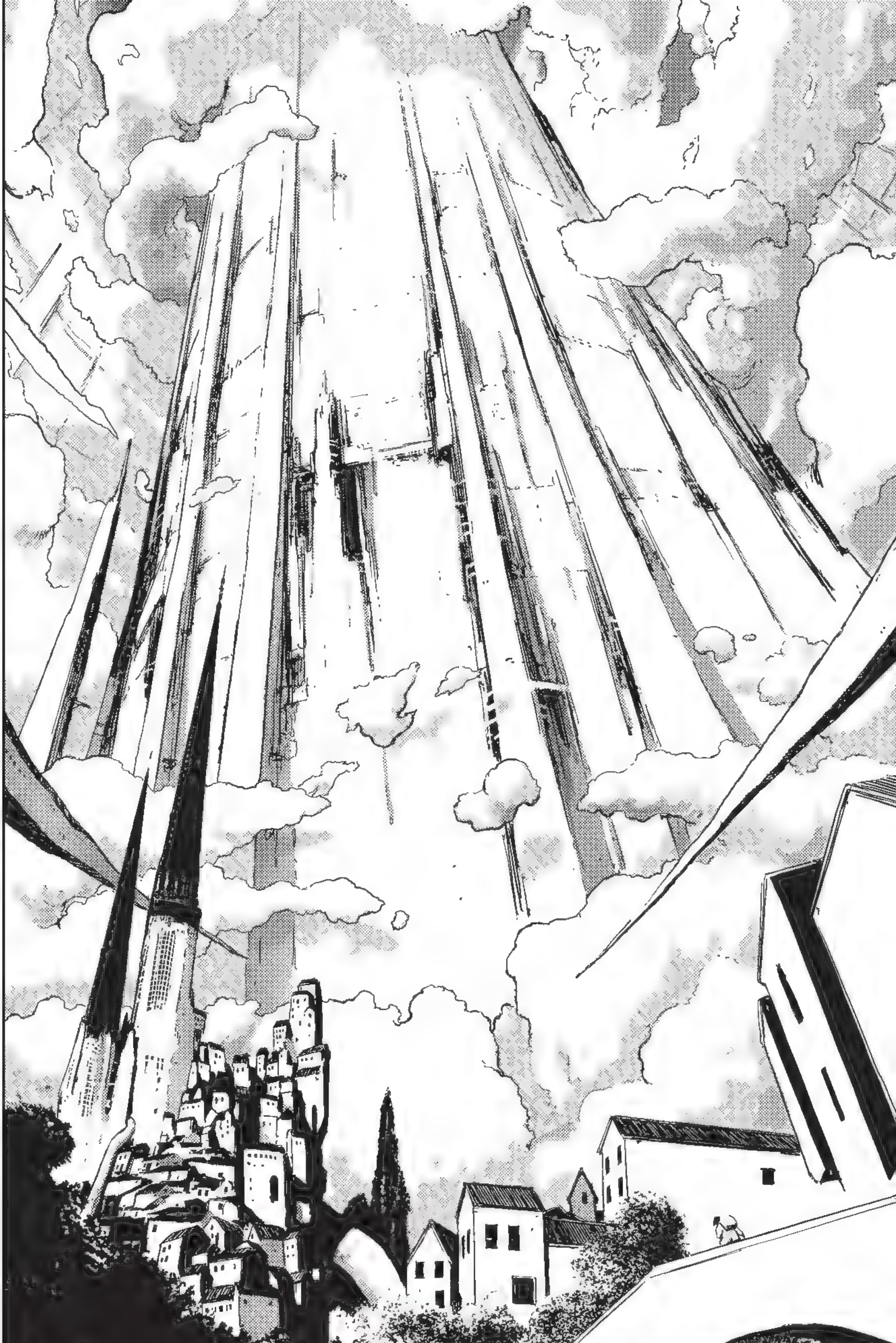
GRROARR
THUD
KRAASH



A RESIDENCE DISTRICT ?!

DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY !!

HE'S A RICE THIEF !!

BASH

WHUD

THUD

DIED THREE YEARS AGO?

WHAT'S MORE, NO "NAGATE TANIKAZE" EXISTS IN SIDONIA!

NOW TELL ME YOUR REAL NAME!!

YOUR GRANDFATHER HIROKI SAITO'S DEATH REPORT WAS RECEIVED 17 YEARS AGO.

ACCORDING TO THE CIVIL REGIST-RATIONS OFFICE,

HEY ?!

BONK

I'M GETTING DIZZY ...

MAY I STOP KNEELING ?

...

IT MUST BE TOUGH, NOT BEING ABLE TO PHOTOSYN-THESIZE.

A MERE TWO DAYS WITHOUT EATING AND YOU PASSED OUT.

JUMP

I-I'LL NEVER GO INTO AN ORGANIC-CONVERSION REACTOR!!

WE HAD EVERY INCH OF YOU INSPECTED, BUT YOU HAVE NO OTHER ISSUES. YOU'RE HEALTHY.

YOU PROBABLY WON'T BE MANURE FOR QUITE A WHILE.

UH, YEAH. I'M GLAD YOUR INJURIES WERE LIGHT.

PUT THE SAFETY BELT ON YOUR WAIST.

...

THERE'S SOME-ONE WHO WANTS TO SPONSOR YOU.

I CAN'T GO INTO DETAILS HERE. WILL YOU COME?

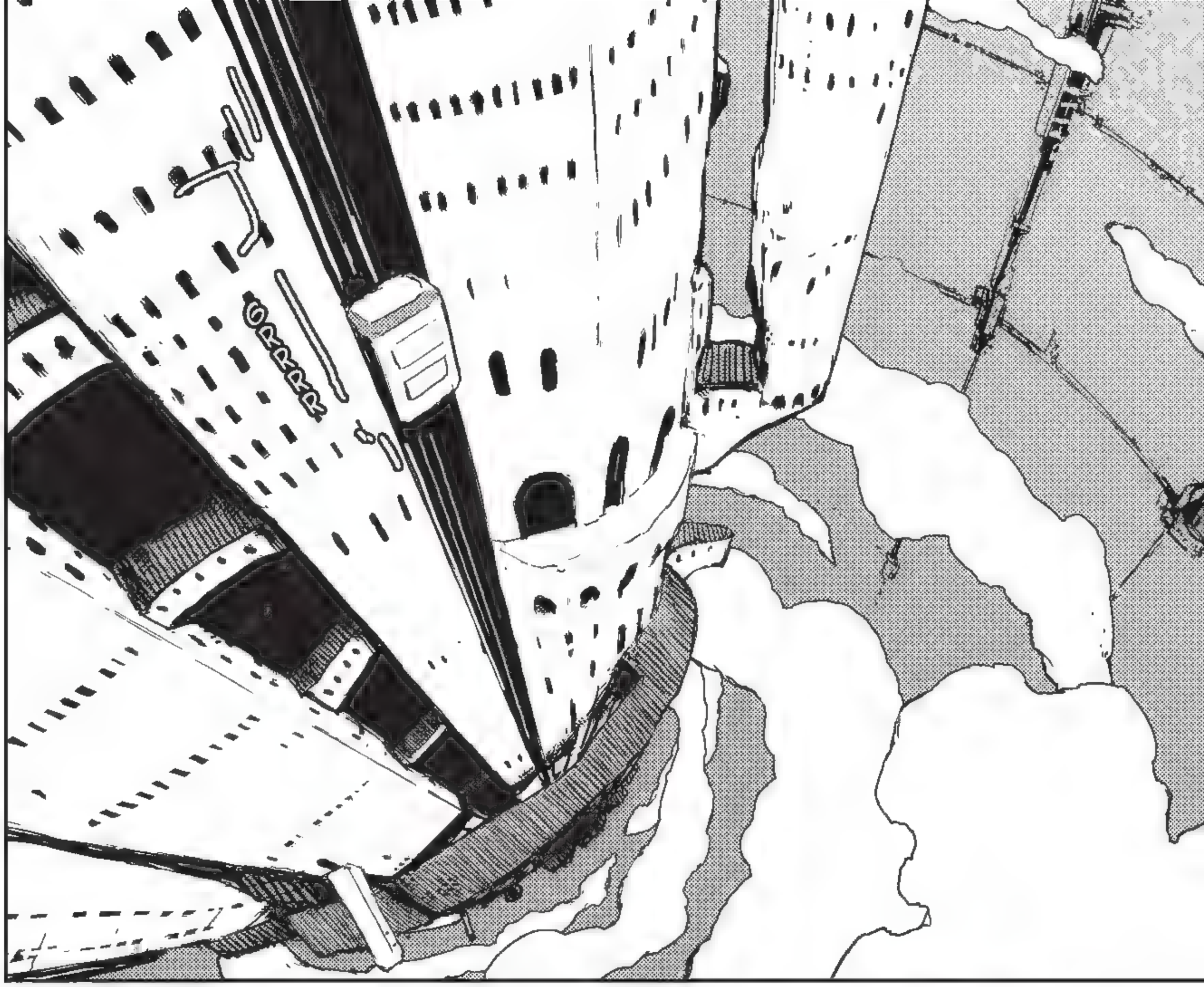
I'M THE AGENT.

I DIDN'T HAVE ANY TIME TO EAT LAST WEEK EITHER.

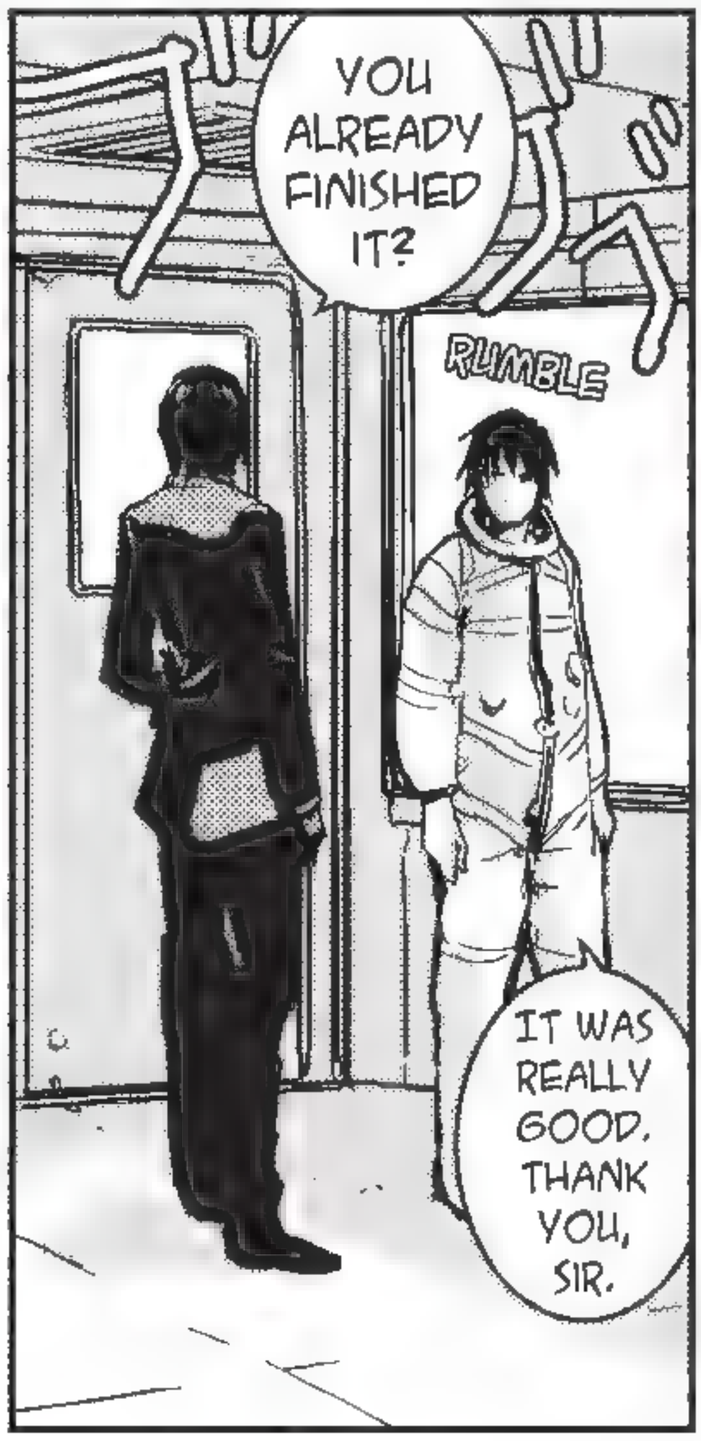
VEGETA-BLES DO FOR YOU?

VRRRRR

PERFECT TIMING. LET'S GET ON THAT.



LET'S TAKE IT EASY.
THE NAME'S OCHIAI. PLEASED.


YOU ALREADY FINISHED IT?
RUMBLE
IT WAS REALLY GOOD. THANK YOU, SIR.

WE'LL TAKE A SPECIAL TRANSPORT FROM HERE UP.

LAST STOP. TOP FLOOR, GENERAL RESIDENCE.

HELLO!

MY NAME IS NAGATE! NAGATE TANIKAZE!

NOW GO ON.

YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN FROM HERE.

GACHLINK

I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOME-THING.

NAGATE TANIKAZE, YES?

THIS IS YOUR ROOM, NAGATE.

THOSE CLOTHES REALLY SMELL. CHANGE INTO THESE QUICK.

...

BUT IT'S FINE. IT'S NEVER ONCE HINDERED MY DUTIES AS DORM MATRON.

OH, THIS? I WAS BADLY INJURED WHEN I WAS A KID.

?

CAFETERIA

AH...

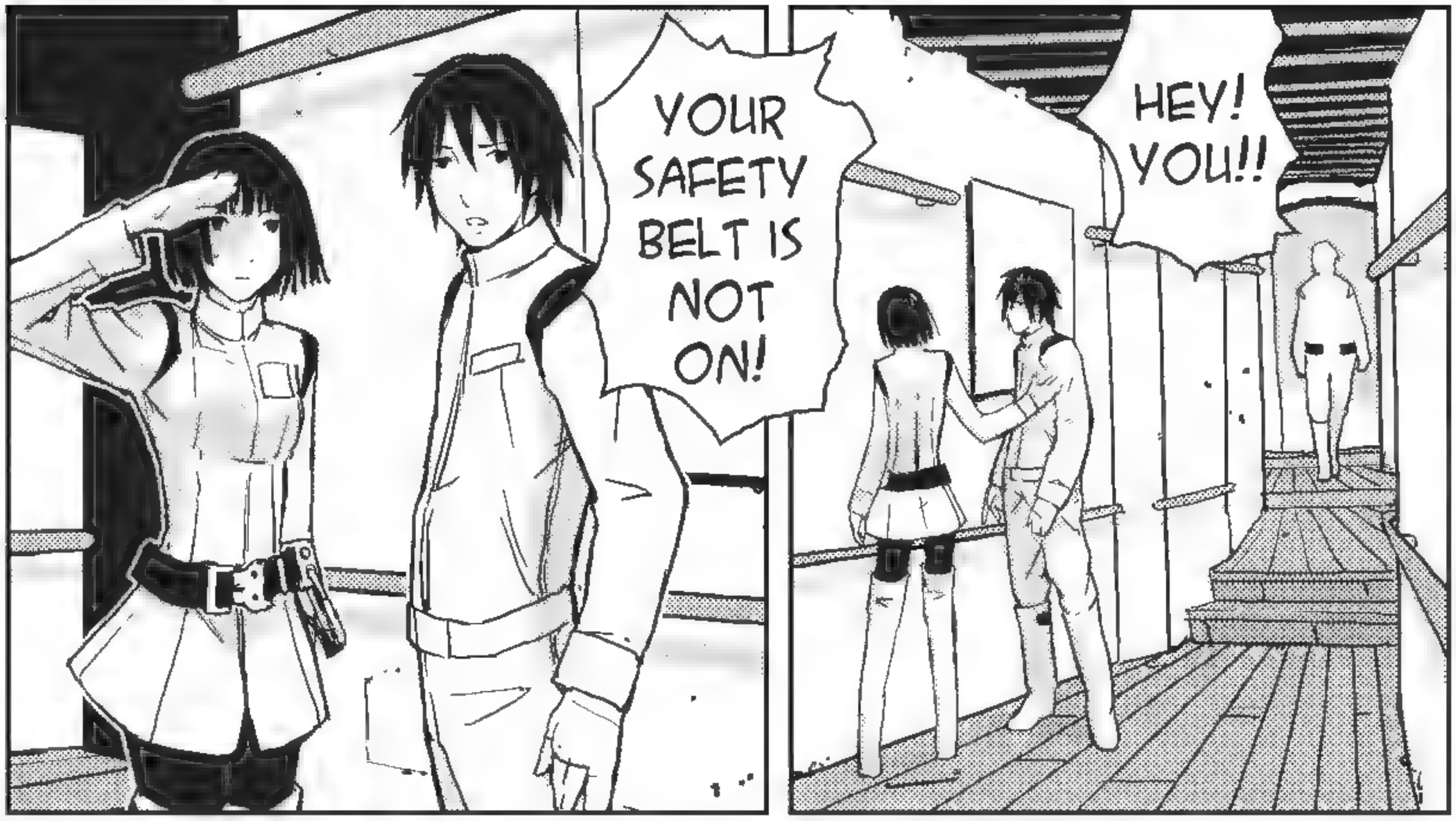
WHY ARE YOU HERE?

YOU'RE ...!

!

HIDE. HURRY.

I-IT'S OKAY, I'M NO LONGER—


YOUR SAFETY BELT IS NOT ON!
HEY! YOU!!

I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY.
NO...
YOU KNOW HOW MANY THE GRAVITY HALT LAST CENTURY KILLED, RIGHT?

YOU NEED TO RELEARN ABOUT THE SAFETY BELTS FROM SQUARE ONE THEN.
I SEE.

ガシーン
ZZWIP
ガチャ
CLANK
UGH
...
ガチャ
CLANK
ガイ
ZZWIP
ガリガリ
SCRIBBLE
SAFETY HANDRAIL CHECKLIST
ガチャ
CLANK
PSHIT

AAAA

CL ANK!!

AH!

FEMALE PHOTOSYNTHESIS ROOM

AAAAAAAAAHH

AIEEEEEEEEE!!

SLAM

BAM!!

FLIP

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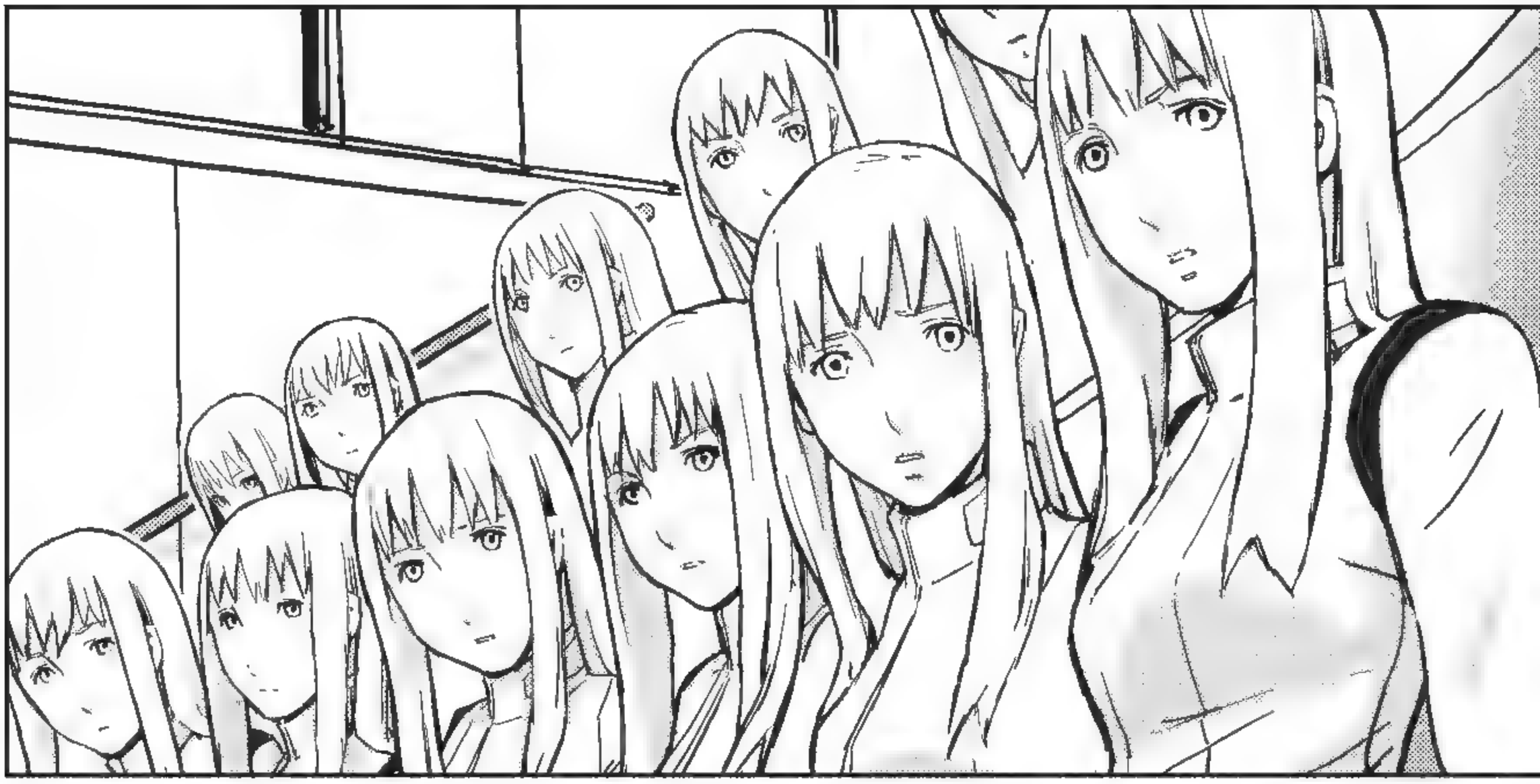
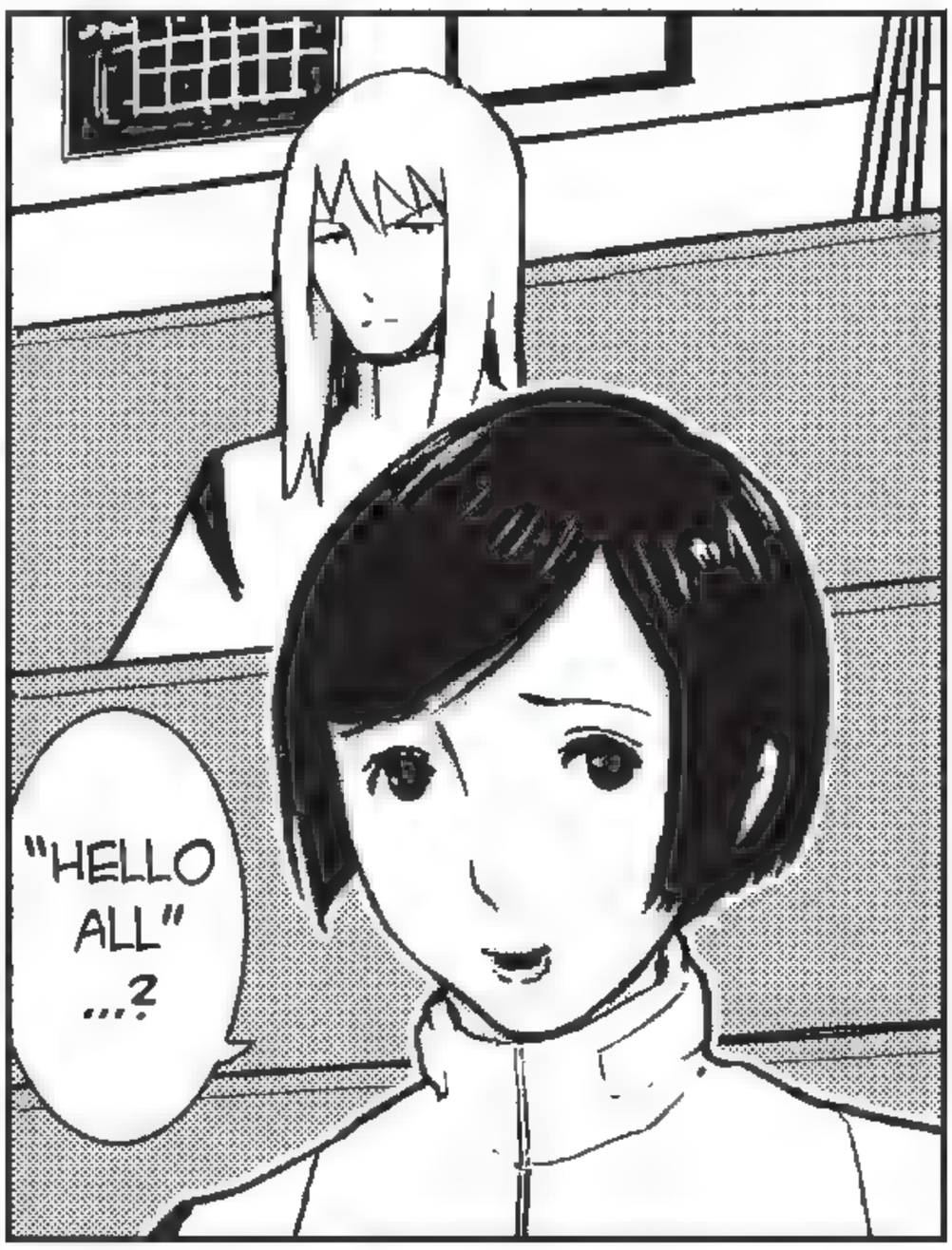
S...SLIDE

DANGLE

HELLO ALL!
I AM NAGATE TANIKAZE.

INTRODUCE YOURSELF, NOW.




"HELLO ALL" ...?

Gr... Growl- IIII

WITHIN 3 LIGHT-YEARS, WE ARE ENTERING LEVEL 3 THREAT RANGE.

ITS DISTANCE FROM SIDONIA?

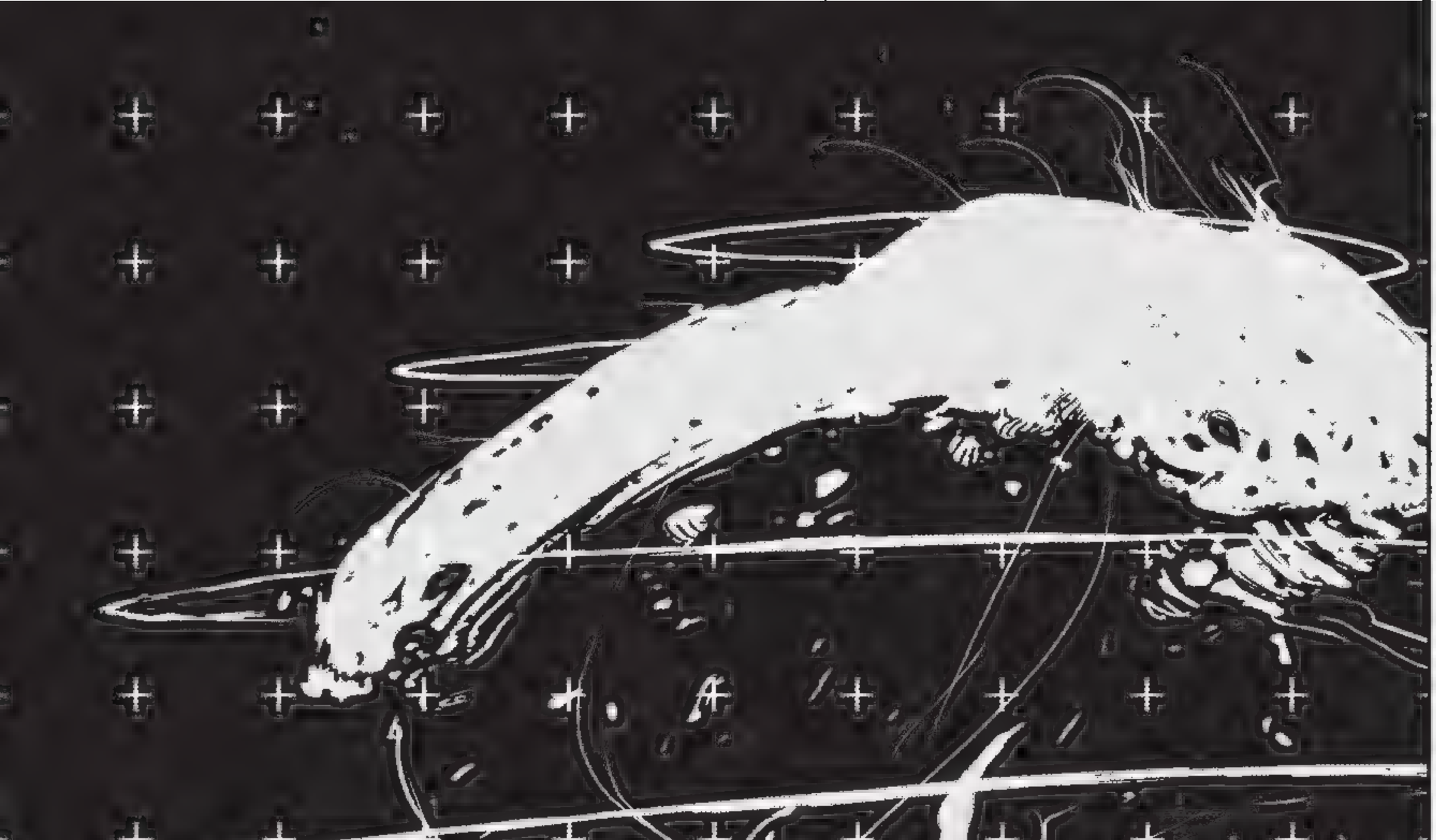
IT'S THE OPPOSITE. WE STILL HAVEN'T ESCAPED THEIR IMMENSE DOMAIN.

THE CLUSTER SHIP HAS REMAINED SILENT SINCE DETECTION. IT MIGHT NOT HAVE NOTICED SIDONIA YET.

WE MAY BE ABLE TO SLIP BY IF WE DON'T ATTACK.

YOUR VOTE WILL DECIDE OUR COURSE OF ACTION.

OUR OPINIONS ARE SPLIT.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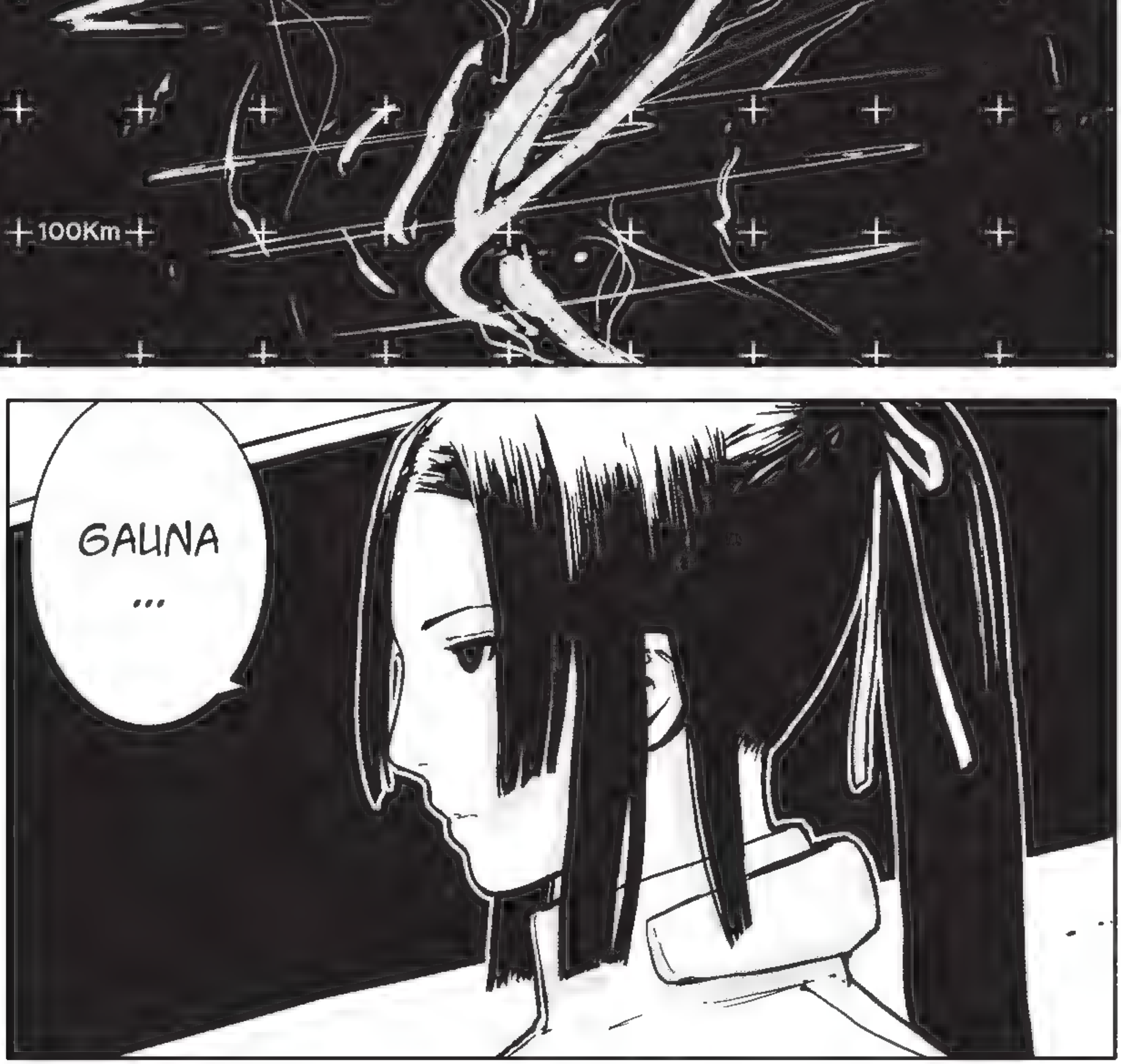
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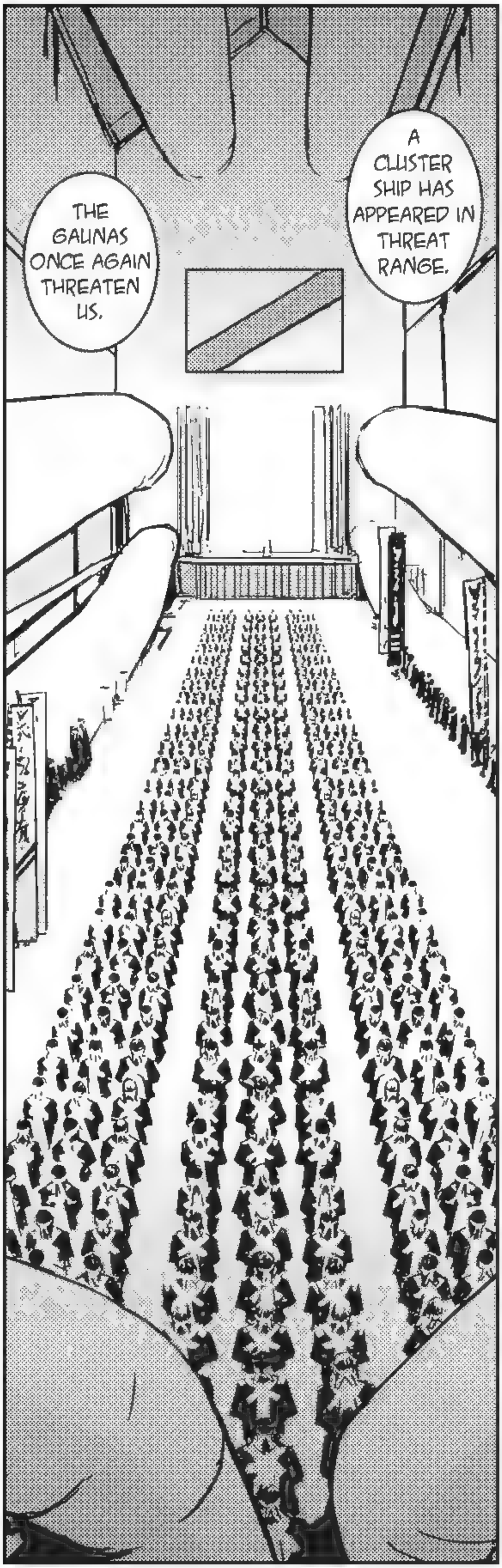

THE GALINAS ONCE AGAIN THREATEN US.
A CLUSTER SHIP HAS APPEARED IN THREAT RANGE.

THERE IS NO CHANCE FOR DIALOGUE.

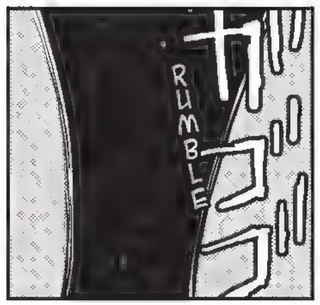
THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THEY WILL LET US BY, EITHER.

THE ONE MEANS OF MANKIND'S SURVIVAL IS THE STERN USE OF FORCE.

THAT VOICE... IT'S HER FROM THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY ...

THE 28TH CAPTAIN OF SIDONIA ...

DOOM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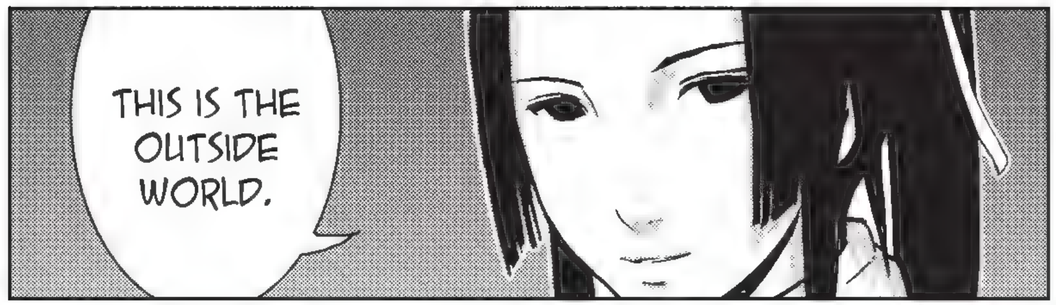
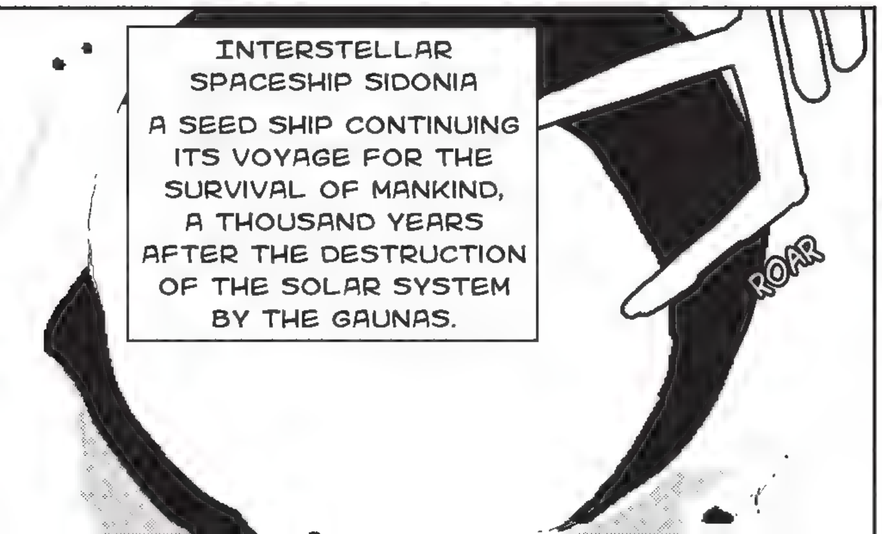
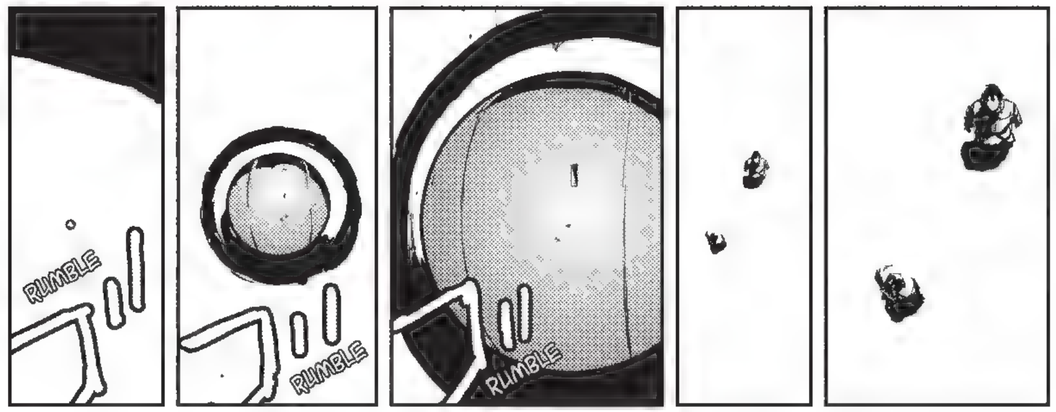

THIS IS THE OUTSIDE WORLD.


INTERSTELLAR SPACESHIP SIDONIA
A SEED SHIP CONTINUING ITS VOYAGE FOR THE SURVIVAL OF MANKIND, A THOUSAND YEARS AFTER THE DESTRUCTION OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM BY THE GAUNAS.
ROAR

ROAR


RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

UNTIL THEN, THERE WAS NO BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS REALITY AND THE THINGS I'D SEEN THOUSANDS OF TIMES IN THE VIRTUAL GARDE TRAINING SYSTEM UNDERGROUND.

UNTIL I STOOD THERE THAT DAY ...

YOU MEAN IT ?!!!

I WAS STILL SHAKING, SEEING THE REALITY OF THE OUTSIDE WORLD FOR THE FIRST TIME.

BUT OF COURSE, I REPLIED YES TO THE CAPTAIN'S OFFER.

AND THAT'S HOW I ENDED UP BECOMING A GARDE PILOT.

Chapter 1: END

Chapter 2: Nagate Tanikaze's Maiden Battle

One Hundred Sights of Sidonia Part One: Residential District ①

FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED, RIGHT AWAY.

THAT'S RIGHT. IT'S GONE.

HMM, WHAT USED TO BE HERE?

I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED. IT WAS HERE LAST TIME I PASSED BY ...

THE TSUGUMORI, RIGHT? THE LAST WAR'S ACE UNIT.

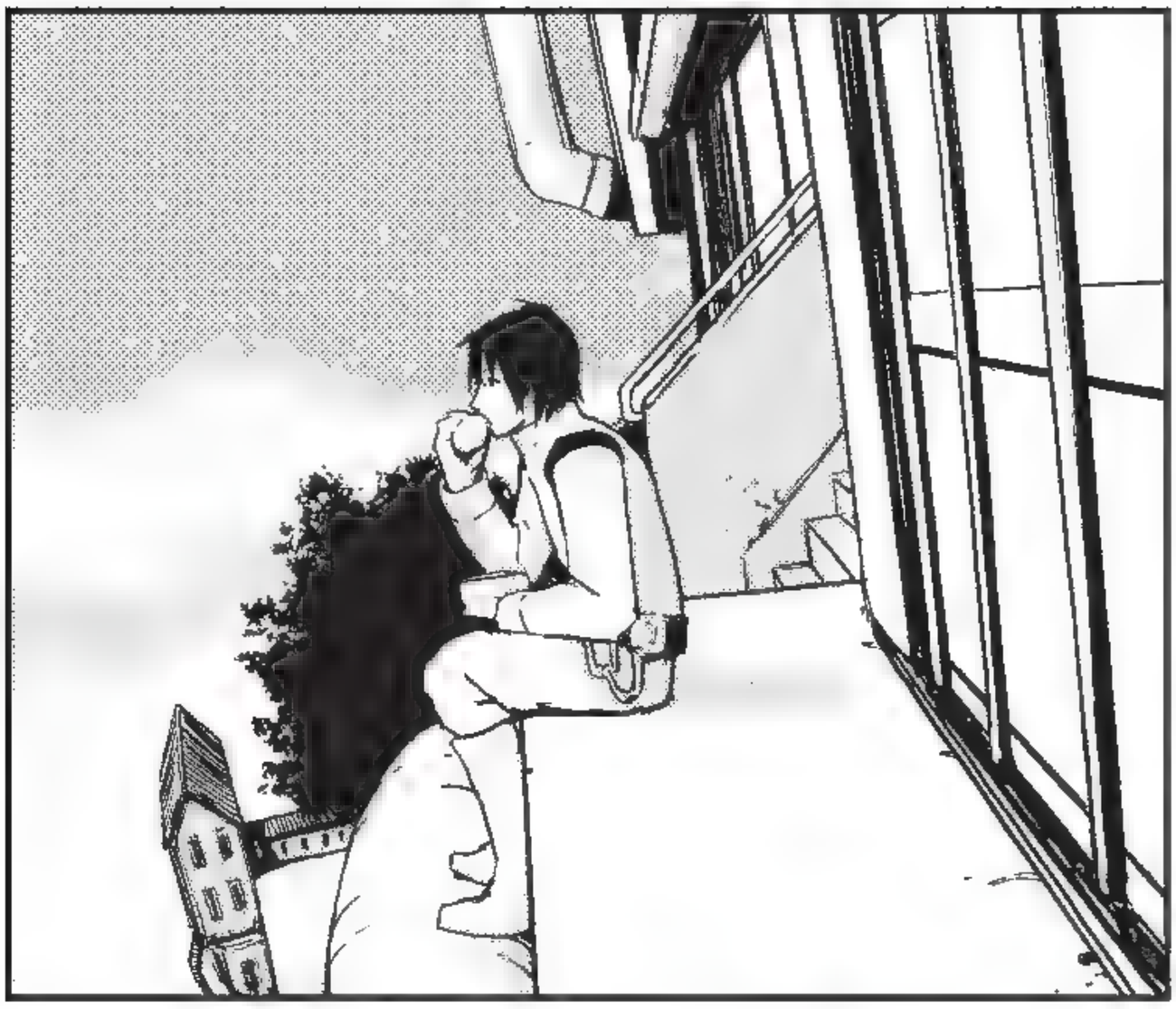
SERIES 17 GARDE UPGRADED SHIRATSUKI

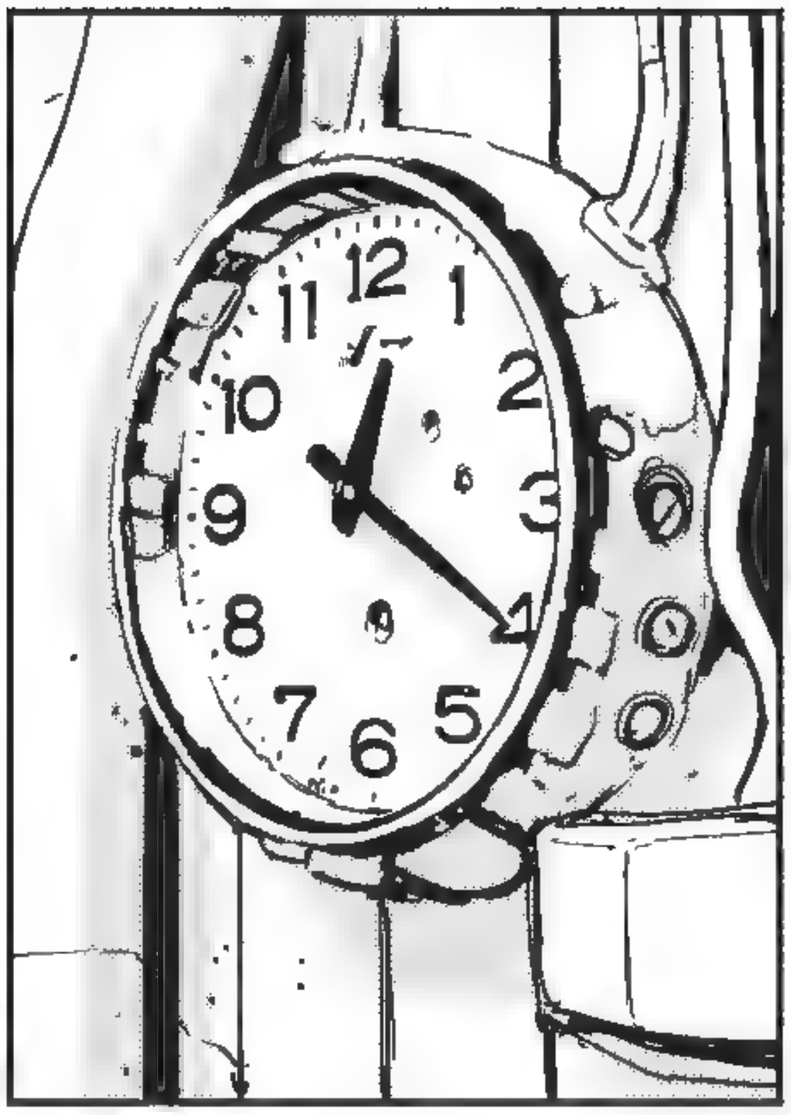
TSUGUMORI

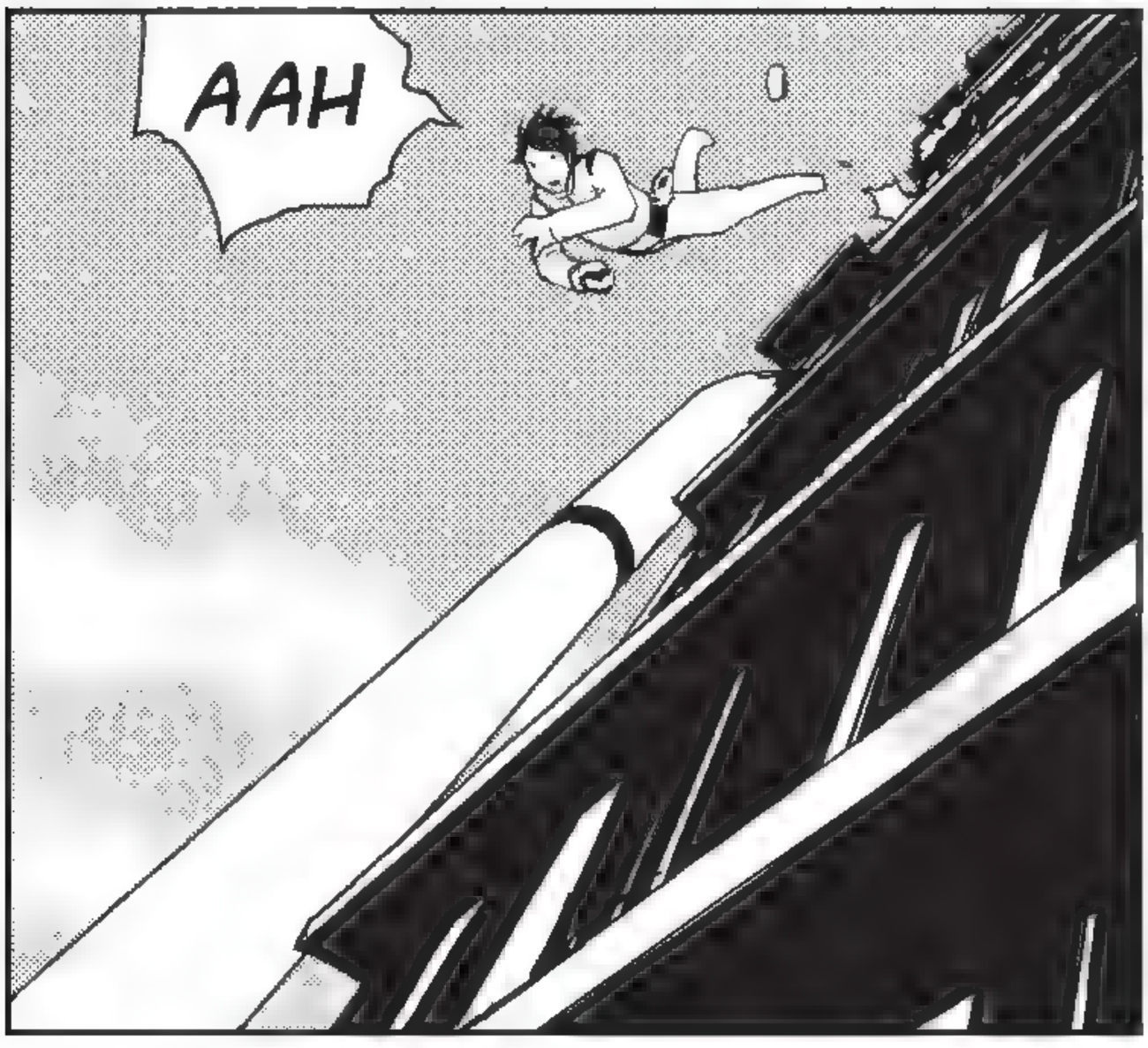
A SHIRATSUKI SPECIALLY UPGRADED IN THE FINAL STAGES OF THE FOURTH GAUNA WAR

...

BEEP






AAH

BOFF

BAM

YOU STINK !!

ENOUGH WITH THE RICE!!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!

TANI-KAZE !!

Complete Odor Neutralizer
For Organisms

ZVSHH

KLACK

...

NAGATE TANIKAZE! WAIT UP.

HEY, YOU!

HELLO!

I KNOW. FROM THE DORM MATRON MS. HIYAMA, YES?

THIS WAS BORROWED ... THANKS.

THIS WAY'S A SHORT CUT. YOU'RE GOING BACK TO THE DORMS, RIGHT?

HERE, YOU DROPPED THIS. IT'S YOURS, ISN'T IT?

OH, THANK YOU.

...
HELLO.

MS. HIYAMA WAS HAPPY TO MEET SOMEONE WHO UNDER-STANDS.

I HEAR YOU EAT A TON, NAGATE!

HAHA... R-REALLY ...

I'M IZANA SHINA-TOSE. HI!

NAGATE, DO YOU HAVE SOME KIND OF AMAZING ABILITY?

NOT REALLY ...

THAT'S THE SADDEST STORY I'VE EVER HEARD!

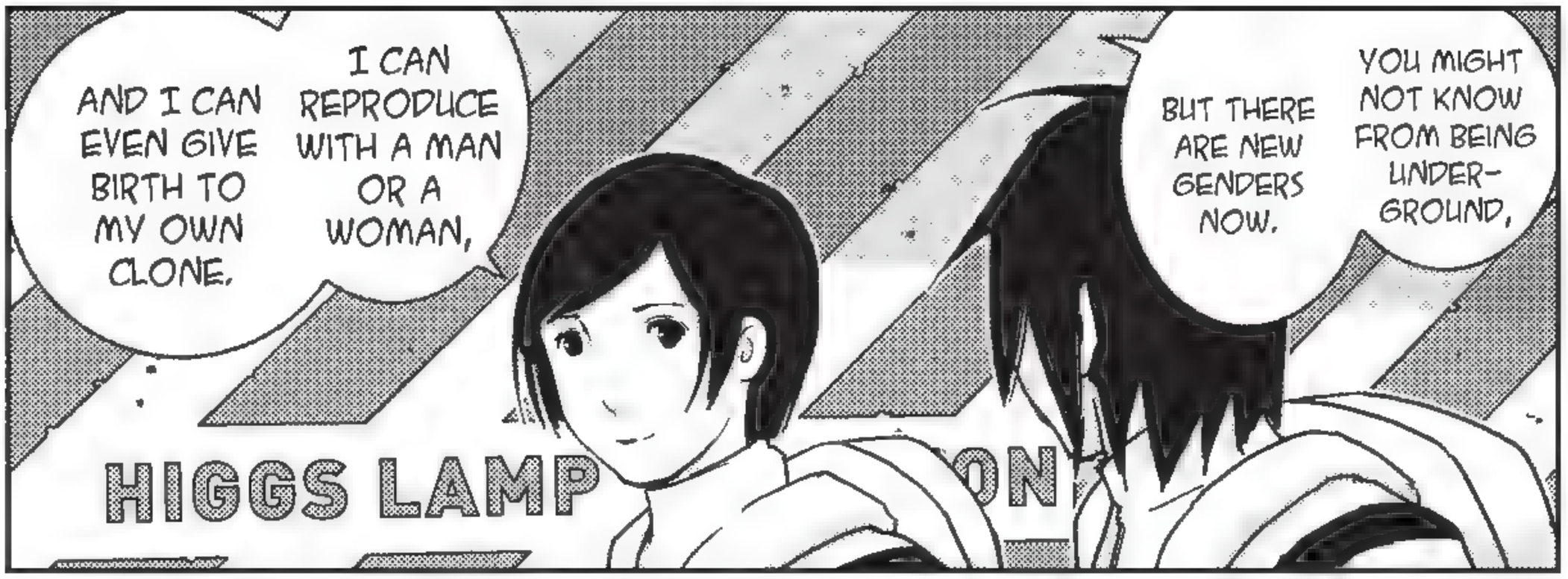
UNDER-GROUND YOUR WHOLE LIFE?!

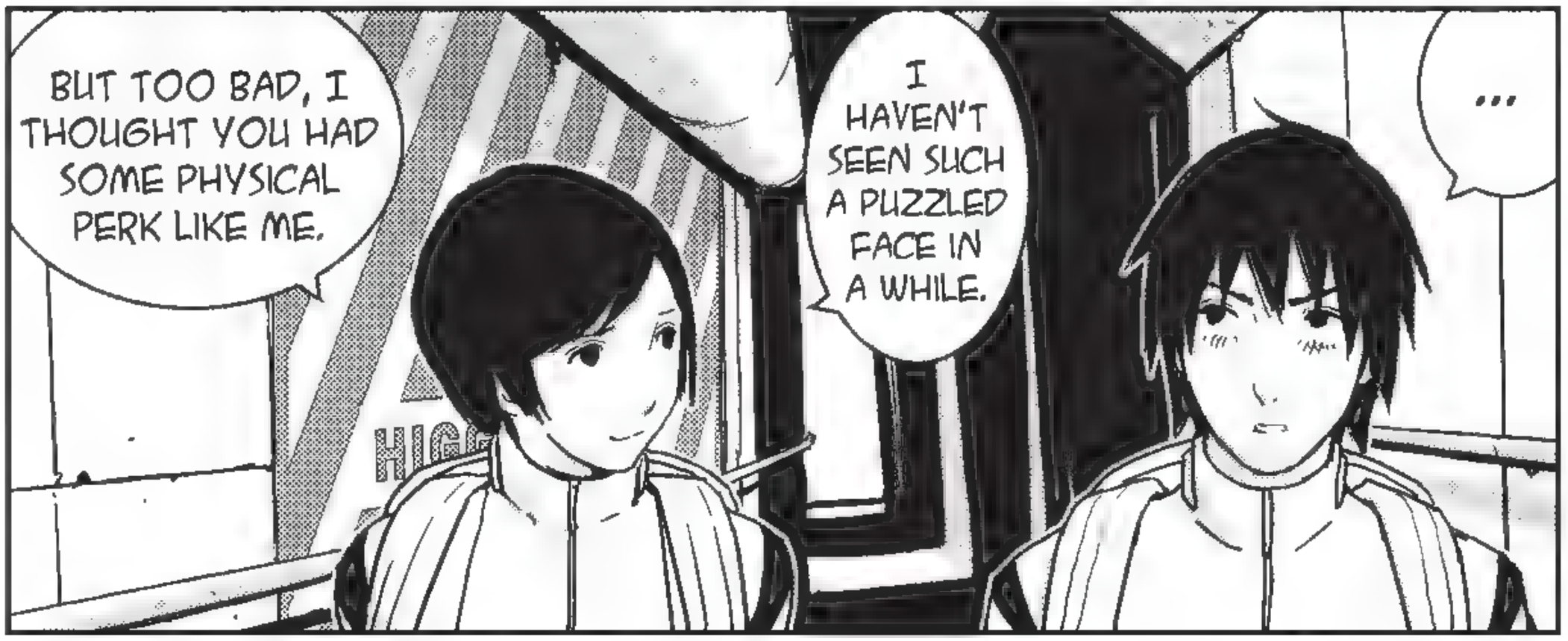
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT.

AND WE HAD THE DECLARATION OF WAR RIGHT AFTER YOU SHOWED UP.

HMM... IT'S NOT EASY TO BECOME A GARDE PILOT TRAINEE...

WHUH ?
I'M NEITHER.
...
I CAN'T TELL IF THIS PERSON'S A MAN OR A WOMAN ...


AND I CAN EVEN GIVE BIRTH TO MY OWN CLONE.
I CAN REPRODUCE WITH A MAN OR A WOMAN,
BUT THERE ARE NEW GENDERS NOW.
YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW FROM BEING UNDER-GROUND,
HIGGS LAMP ON


BUT TOO BAD, I THOUGHT YOU HAD SOME PHYSICAL PERK LIKE ME.
I HAVEN'T SEEN SUCH A PUZZLED FACE IN A WHILE.
...

!

SO THEY'VE COME UP WITH A NEW MODEL SINCE THE TSUGUMORI ...

TRAINEE NAGATE TANI

ENTRY.....ACCEPTED

VIRTUAL GARDE SERIES 18 TRAINING SYSTEM

BOOTING.....

THIS IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I USED UNDERGROUND ... SERIES 18 ?!

628TH TRAINEE RANKS

1ST PLACE

NORIO KUNATO

2ND PLACE

SHIZUKA HOSHIJIRO

3RD PLACE

EN HONOKA

...

LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE'S CURIOUS ABOUT THE NEWCOMER'S SKILLS.

1ST PLACE

HUH ?!

I CAN DO THIS, TOO...

JUST WATCH.

GOOD LUCK, NAGATE.

VIRTUAL TRAINING COMPLETE

NAGATE TANIKAZE

RANKING ... OUTSIDE RANGE

HAHH

HAHH

HAHH

蕎麦
Soba
蕎麦
蕎麦
蕎麦

AIR PURIFIER

RATTLE

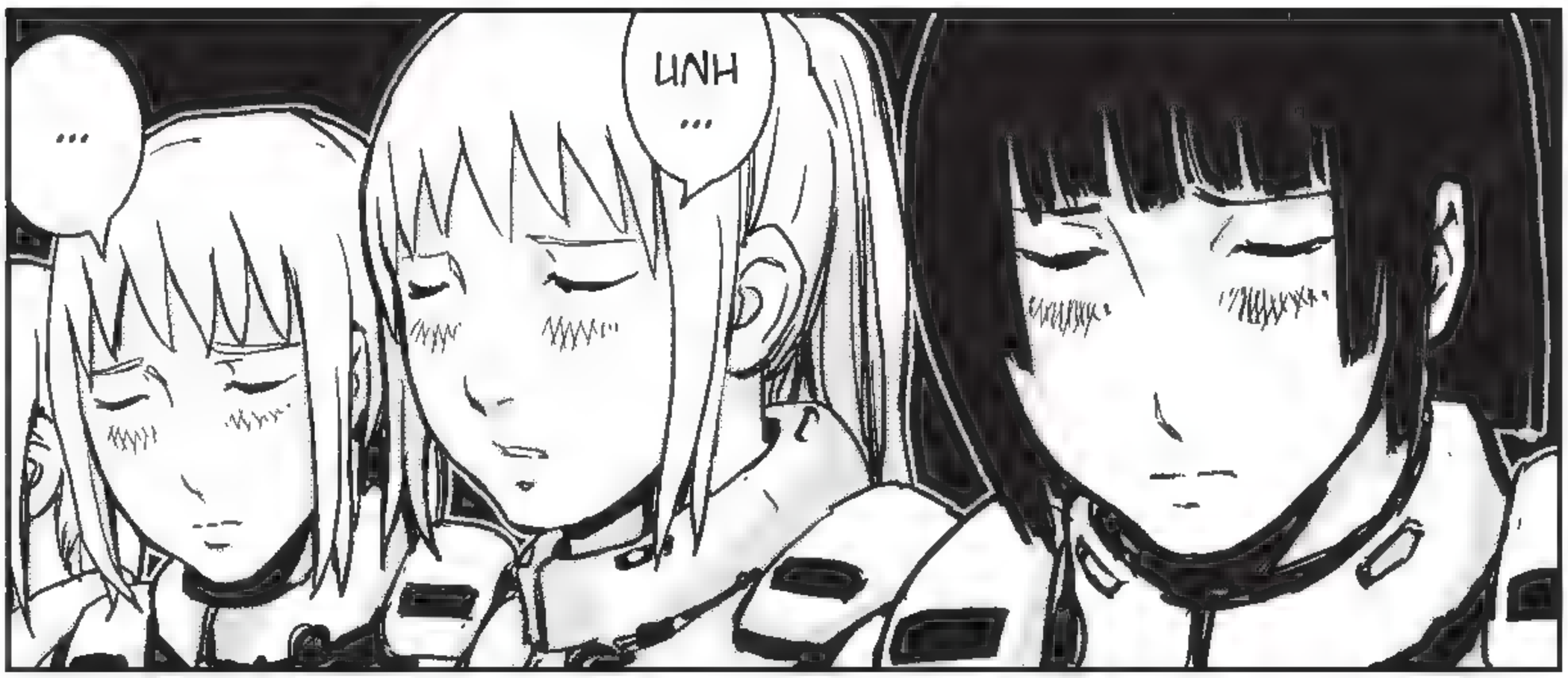
IT'S NOT IN THAT LOCKER!

NAGATE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

WHAT?

OH! YOU'VE NEVER WORN A SKINSUIT.

NOPE.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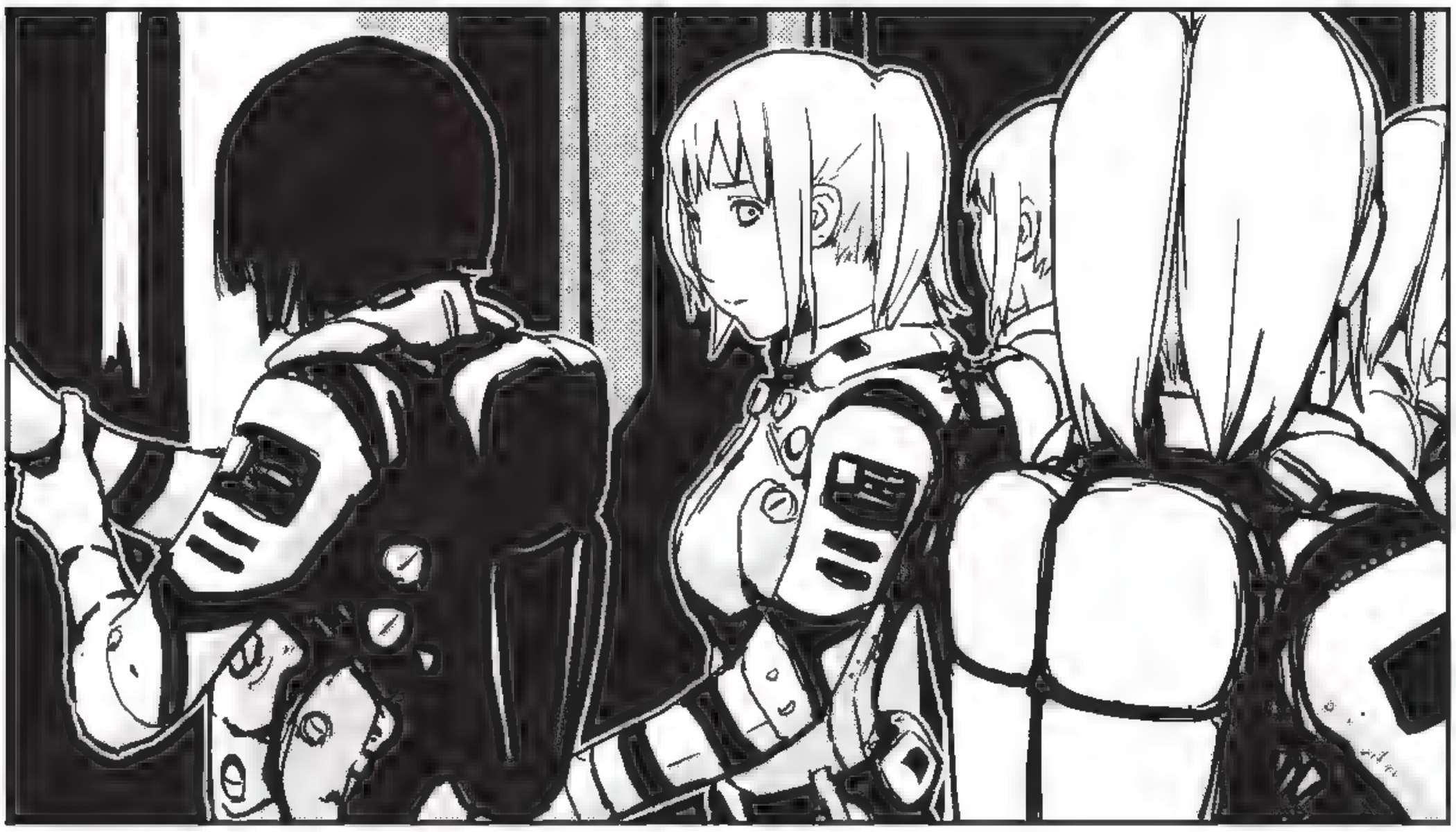

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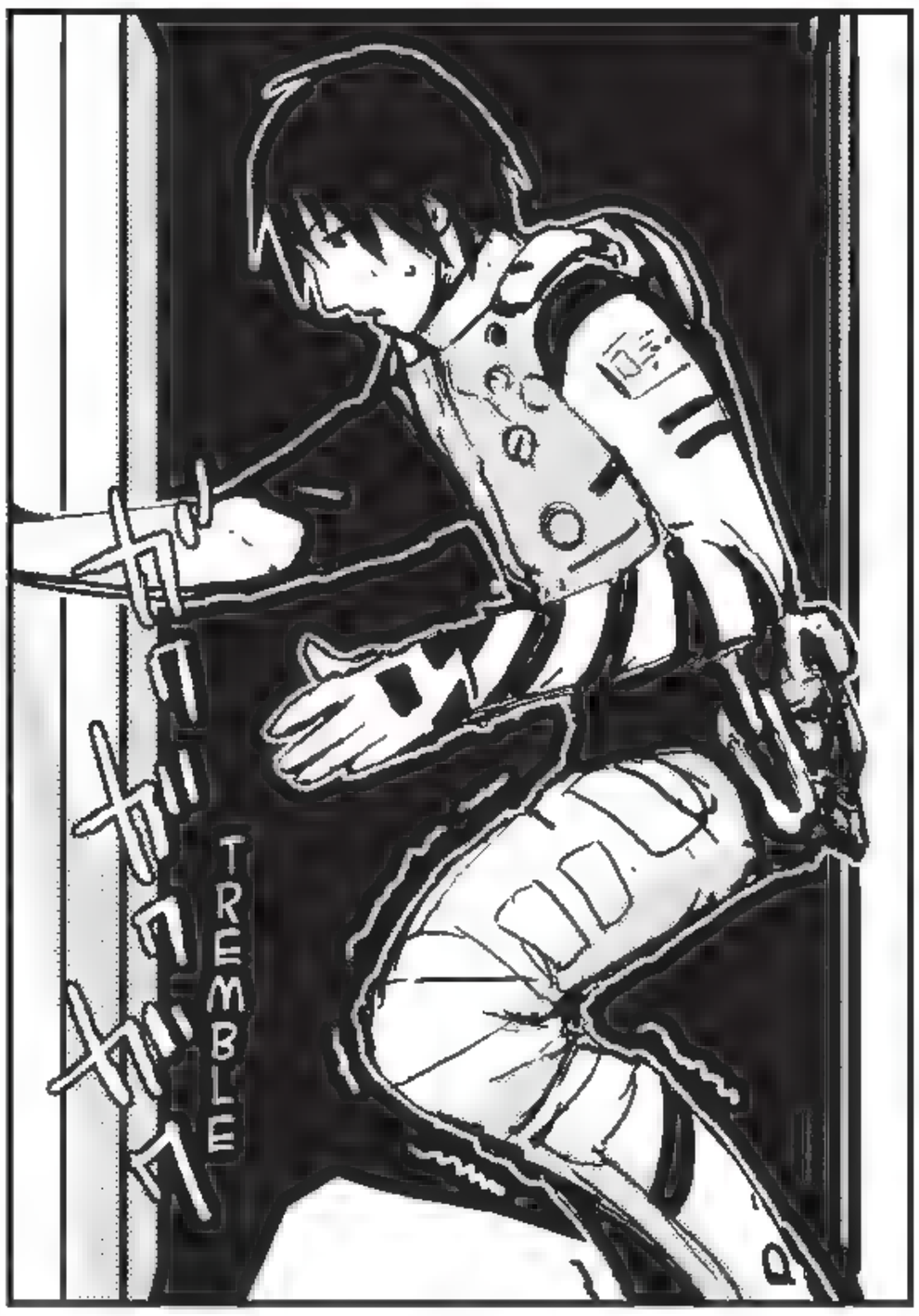
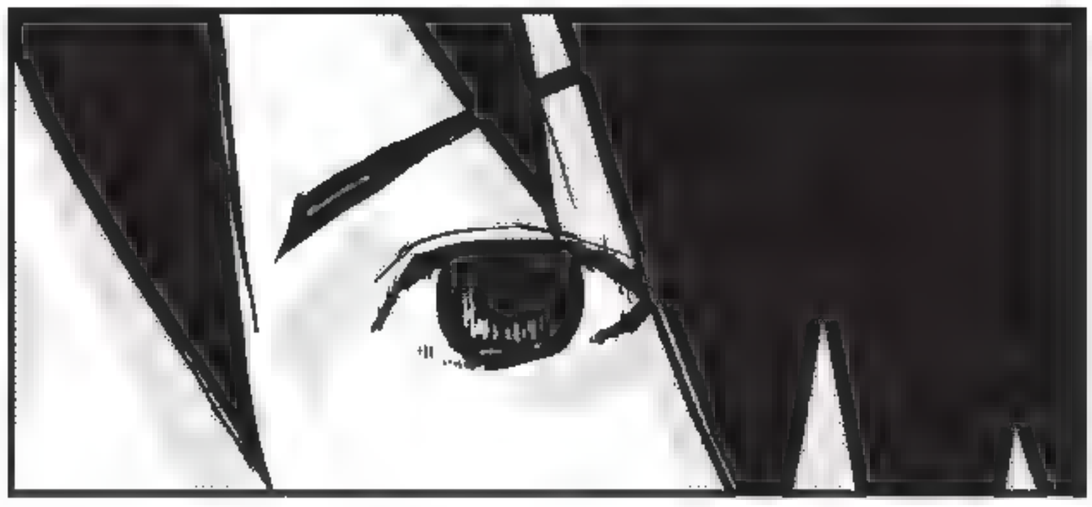
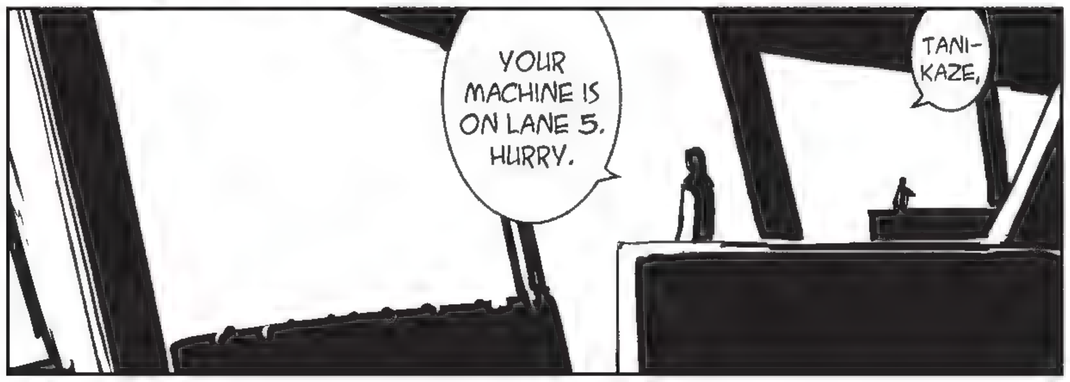
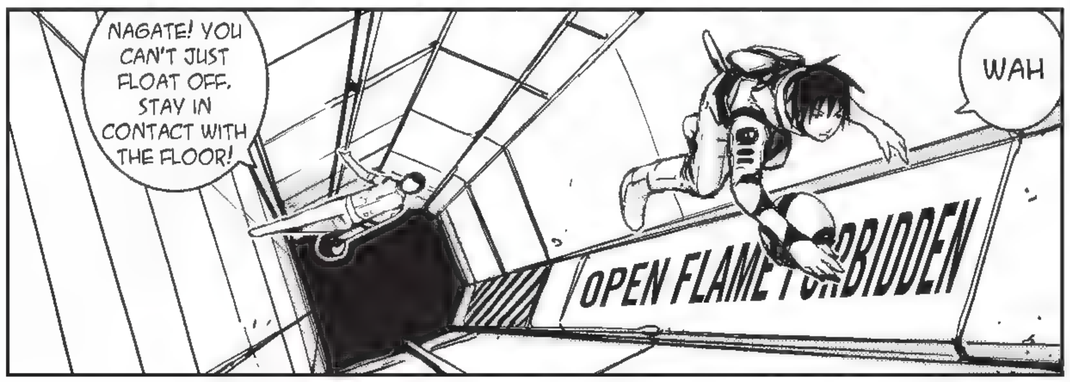
THAT'S DANGER-OUS.
IT COMES IN ON ITS OWN, BUT DON'T GET AFRAID AND TRY TO YANK IT OUT.

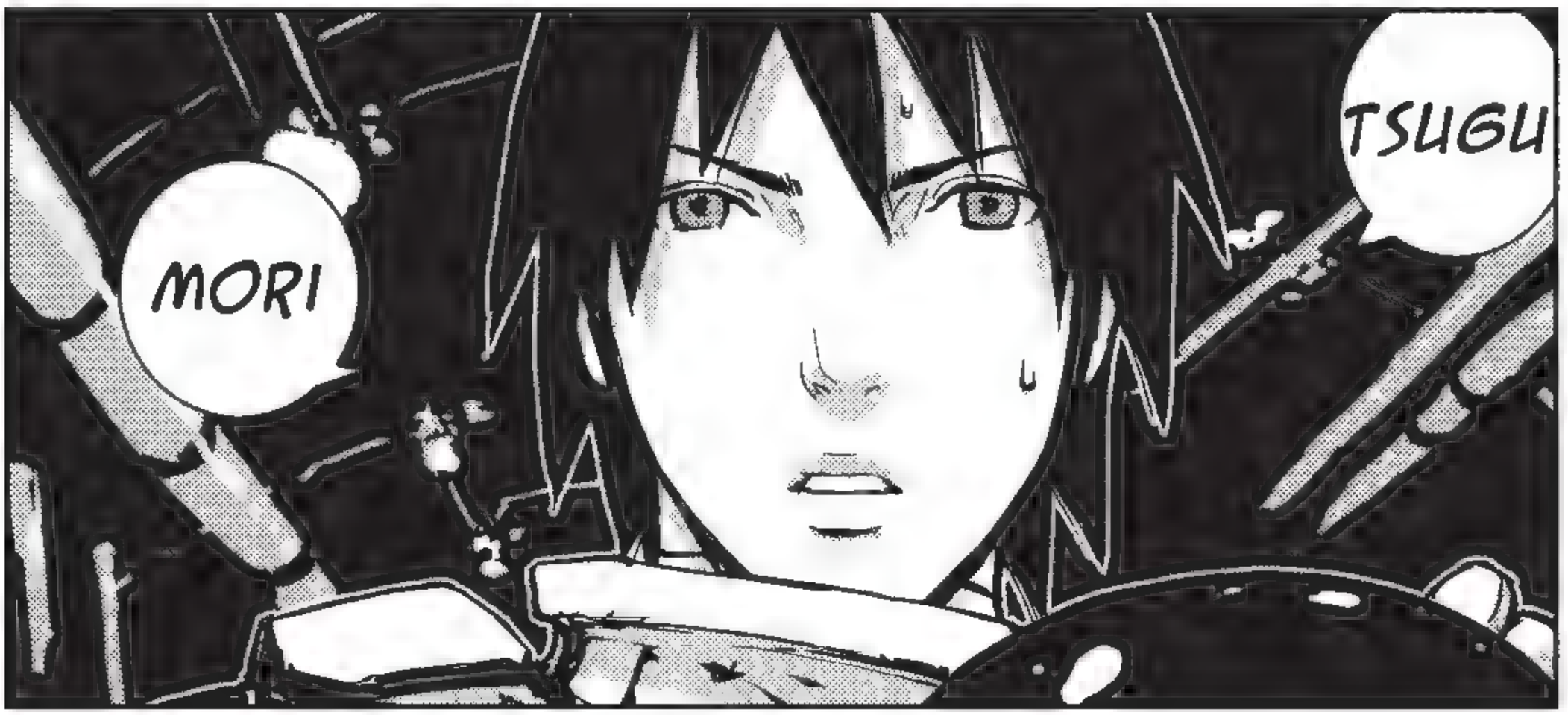

TREMBLE

SQUEEZE




YOUR MACHINE IS ON LANE 5. HURRY.
TANI-KAZE,


NAGATE! YOU CAN'T JUST FLOAT OFF. STAY IN CONTACT WITH THE FLOOR!
WAH
OPEN FLAME FORBIDDEN


TSUGU
MORI

IT'S TOO GOOD A UNIT FOR A ROOKIE. TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT, OR I'LL KICK YOUR ASS.

DON'T WORRY! IT'S UPGRADED. THERE'S NOTHING SERIES 18 CAN DO THE TSUGUMORI CAN'T.

TRAINEES, ICE BLOCK MINING OPERATION WILL BEGIN ONE-ONE-ZERO-ZERO. THOUGH NOT A COMBAT SCRAMBLE, IT IS A CRITICAL ASSIGNMENT TO SECURE RESOURCES.

GIVE IT YOUR ALL! GO!!

KUNATO SQUAD

NORIO KUNATO

EIKO YAMANO

IZANA SHINATOSE

NAGATE TANIKAZE

HOSHIJIRO SQUAD

SHIZUKA HO

EN HONOKA

REN HONOKA

HOU HONOKA

RUMBLE

HAHH

HAHH

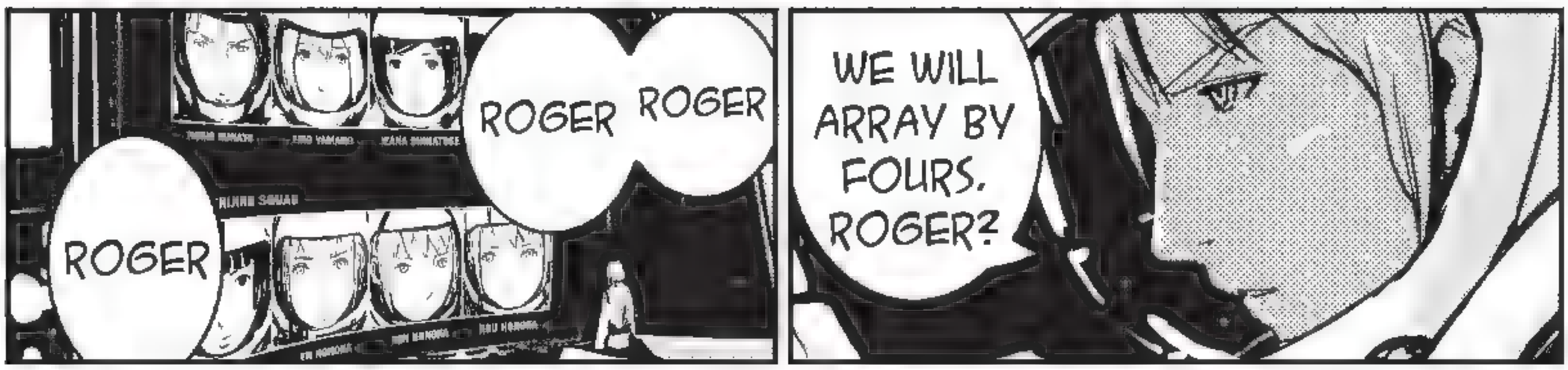
HAHH

BOOM

FWEEEEEEEEEEE

HAHH
WEST
4

KUNATO UNIT TO ALL UNITS!


ROGER
ROGER ROGER
WE WILL ARRAY BY FOURS. ROGER?

TANI-
KAZE
UNIT,
ROGER
!

WAIT,
KUNATO,
THIS IS
TANIKAZE'S
FIRST
FLIGHT.

CLASP
ARRAY!

TS
028

TS
028

GACHING

54 TS 028

BOOM

ALL SQUADS, MAXIMUM POWER!

GOOD, NAGA-TE.

BEEP BEEP

URINATING

IZANA SHINATOSE

BEEP BEEP

BAM

WHOA !!

WHAT ARE THE TRAINEES DOING?

BAM

BAM

NEARING TARGET! RELEASE CLASP ARRAY!

THEY'RE EXTRACTING ICE BLOCKS FROM AN ASTEROID IN THE VICINITY BY REQUEST FROM THE RESOURCE BUREAU.

YAMANO UNIT AND TANIKAZE UNIT, SET UP THE CUTTER.

TS 028

OKAY! WE'LL BEGIN THE MINING.

YOU'RE ANGLED, KEEP IT UPRIGHT.

TANI-KAZE UNIT.

FIRING THE CUTTER !!

GOOD !

HAHH

HAHH

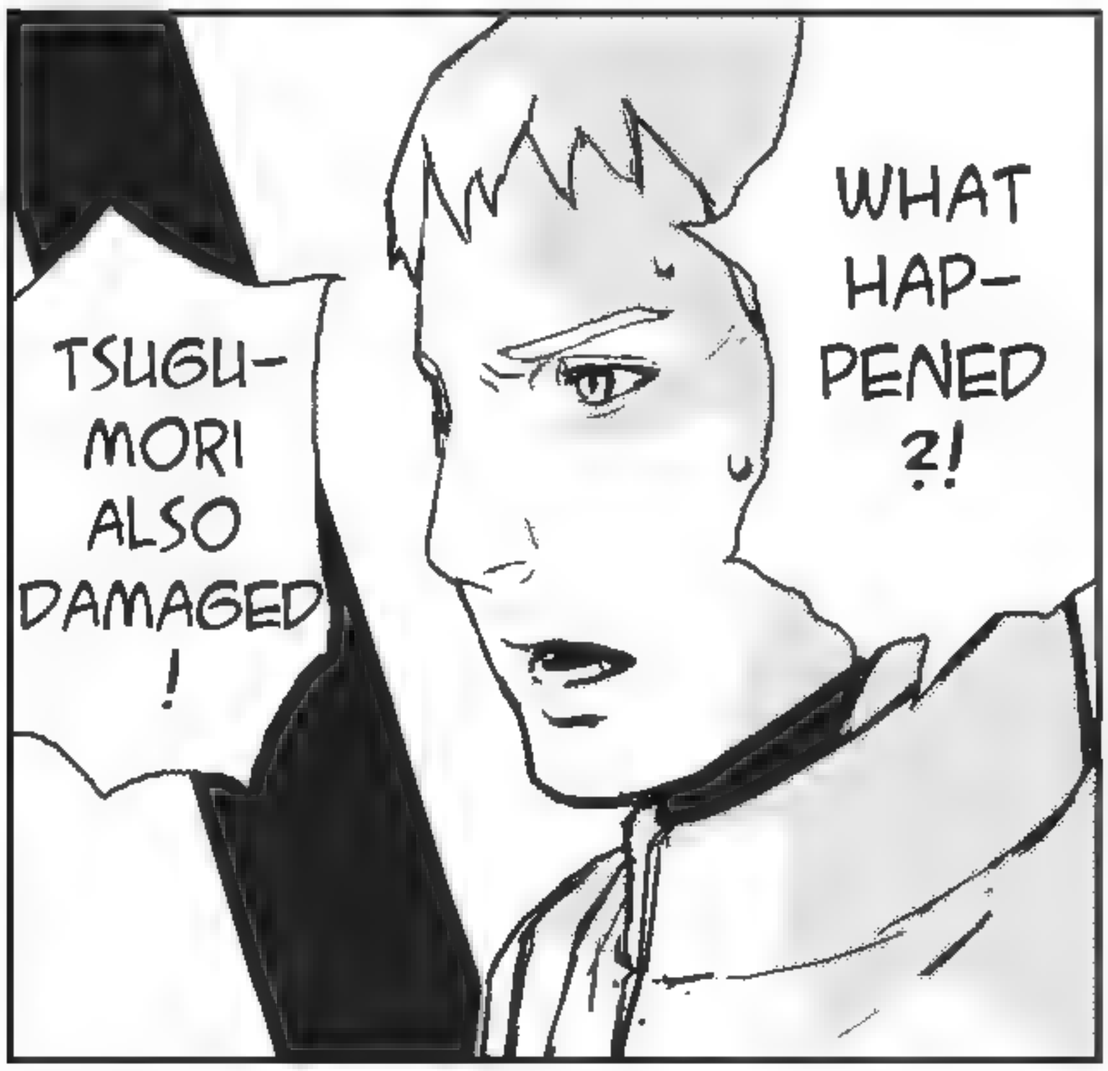
GAZZZTT-T

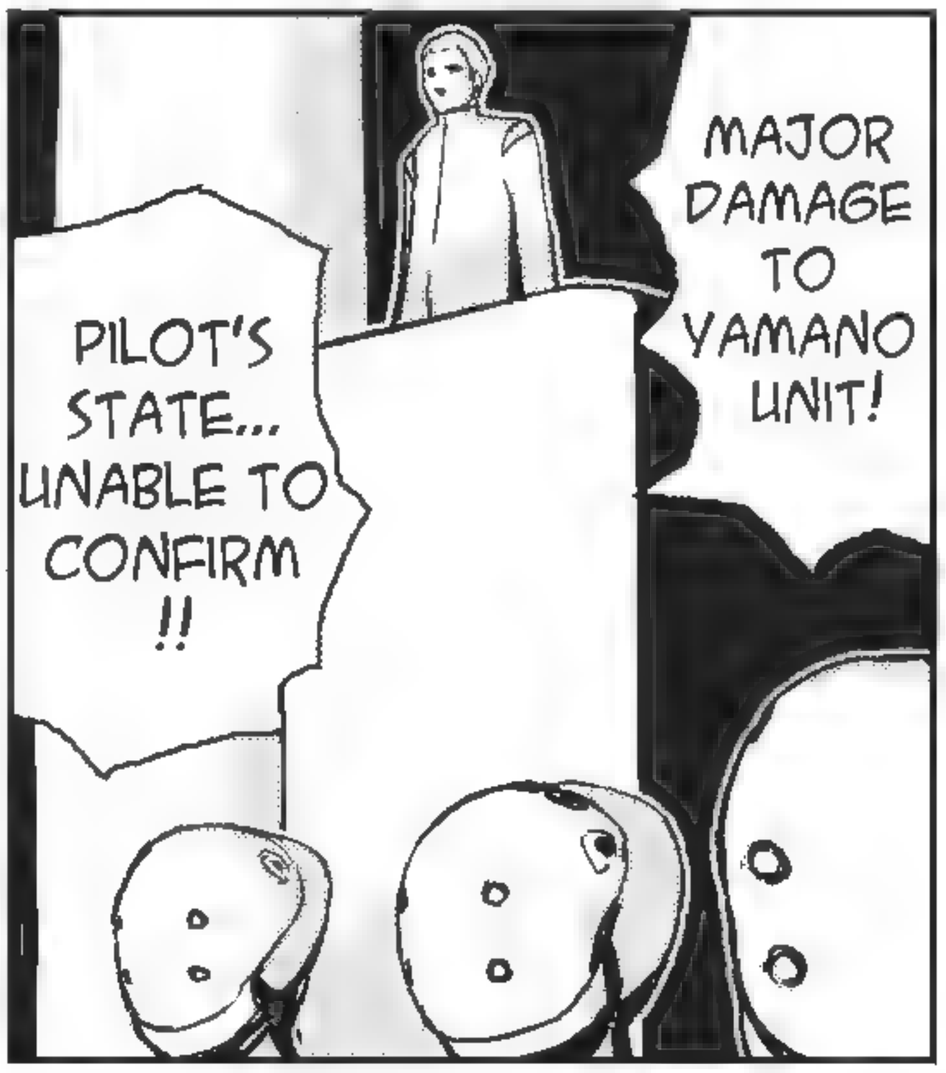
KRAK

SLAM

WHA
?!

DOOM


TSUGU-
MORI
ALSO
DAMAGED
!
WHAT
HAP-
PENED
?!


PILOT'S
STATE...
UNABLE TO
CONFIRM
!!
MAJOR
DAMAGE
TO
YAMANO
UNIT!

77

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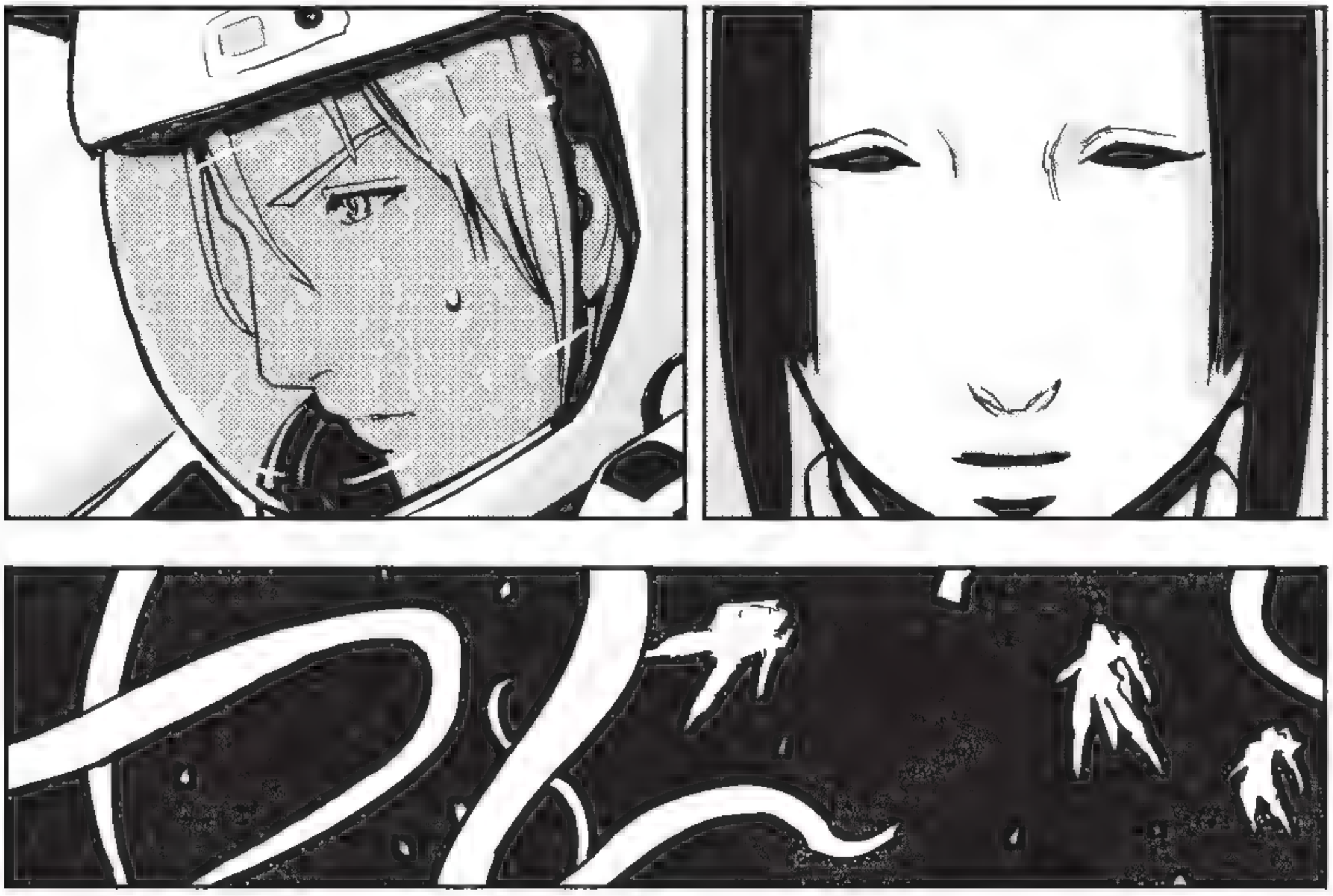
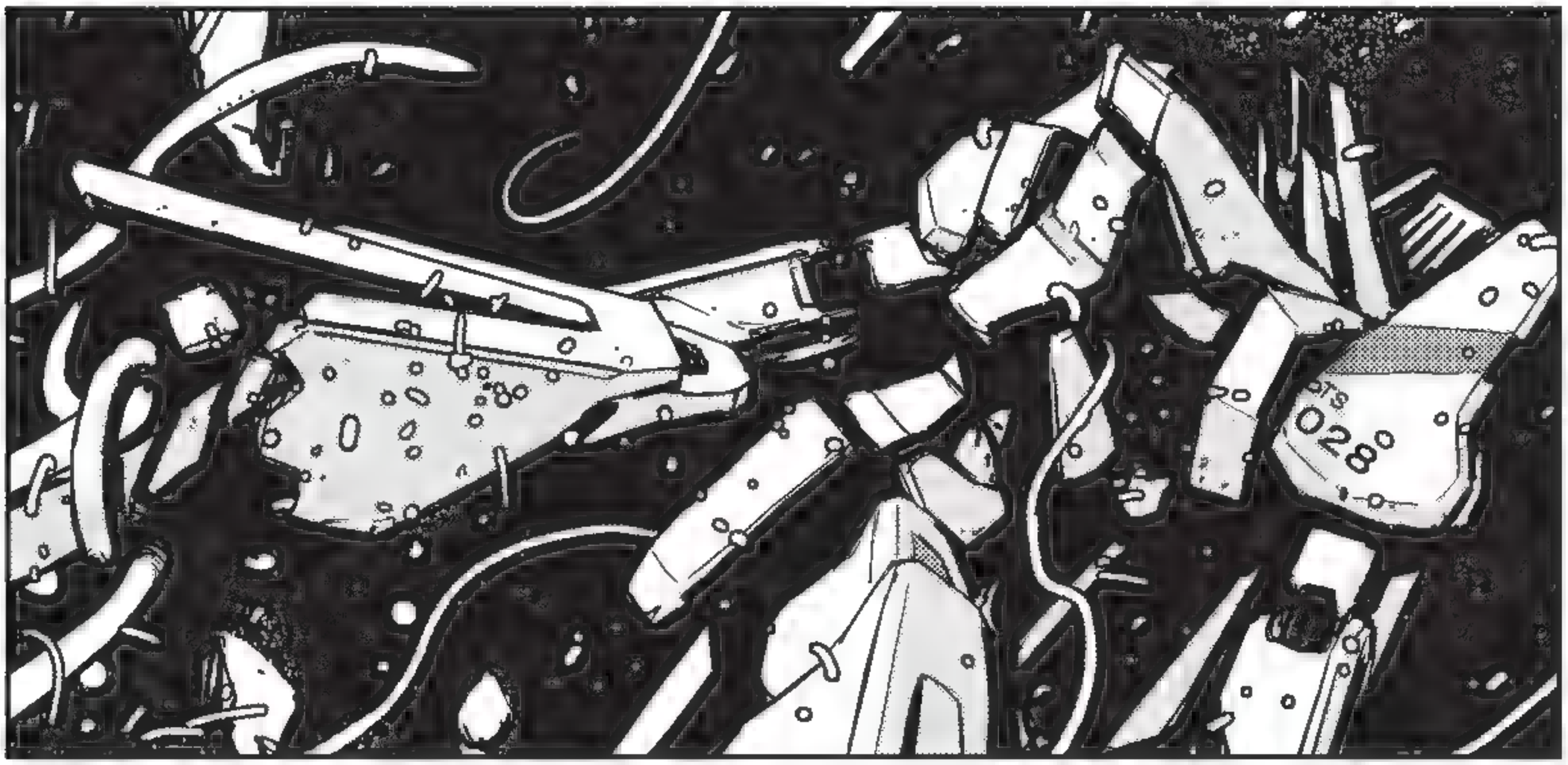
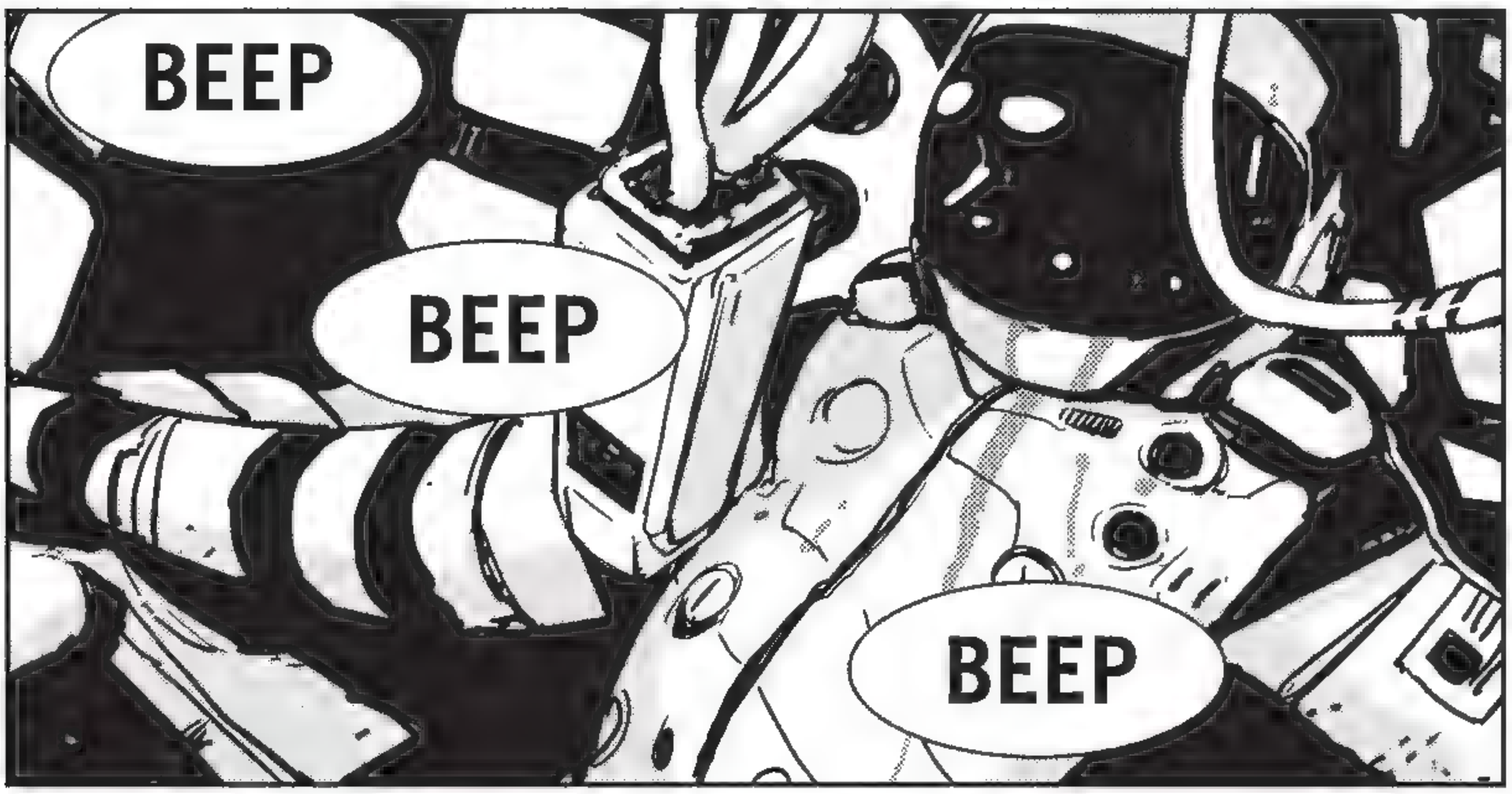
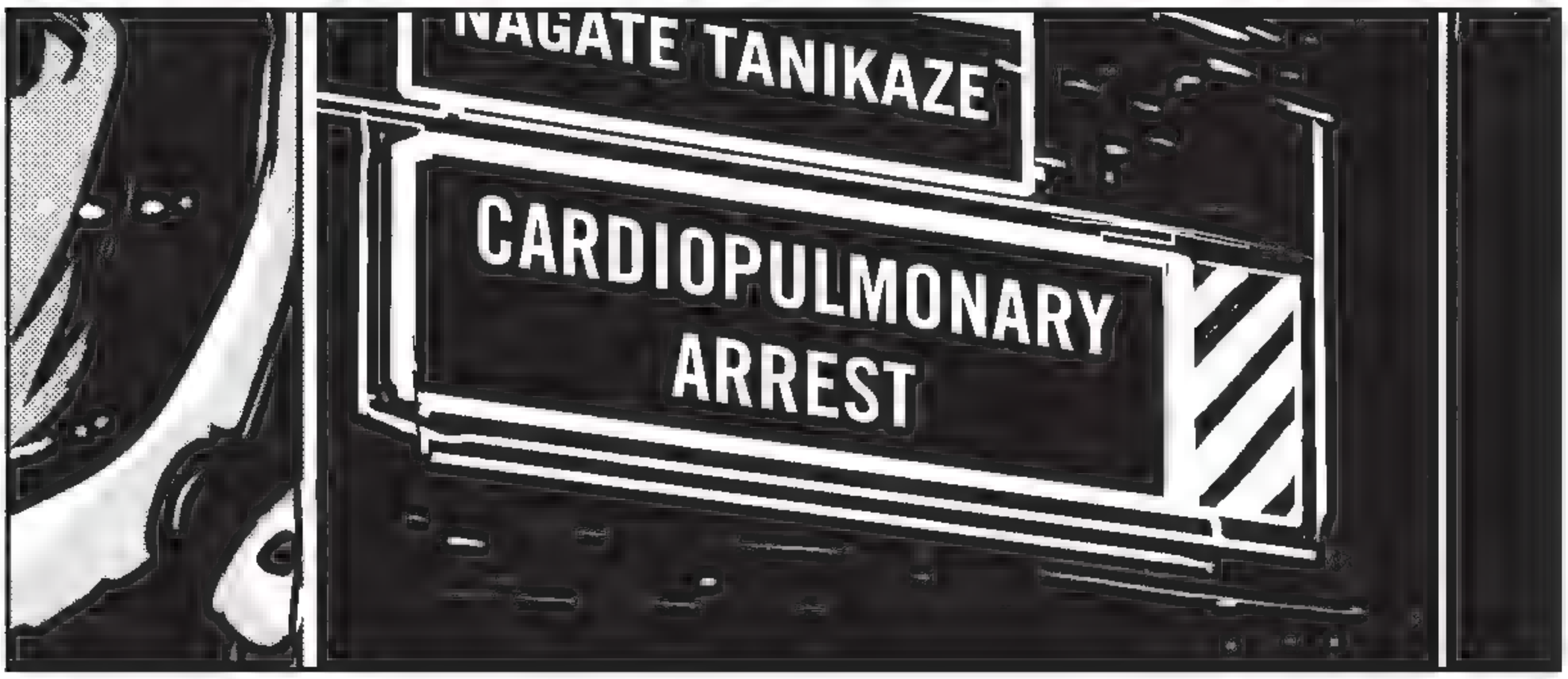
A GAUNA HAS APPEARED !!!
GAUNA !!









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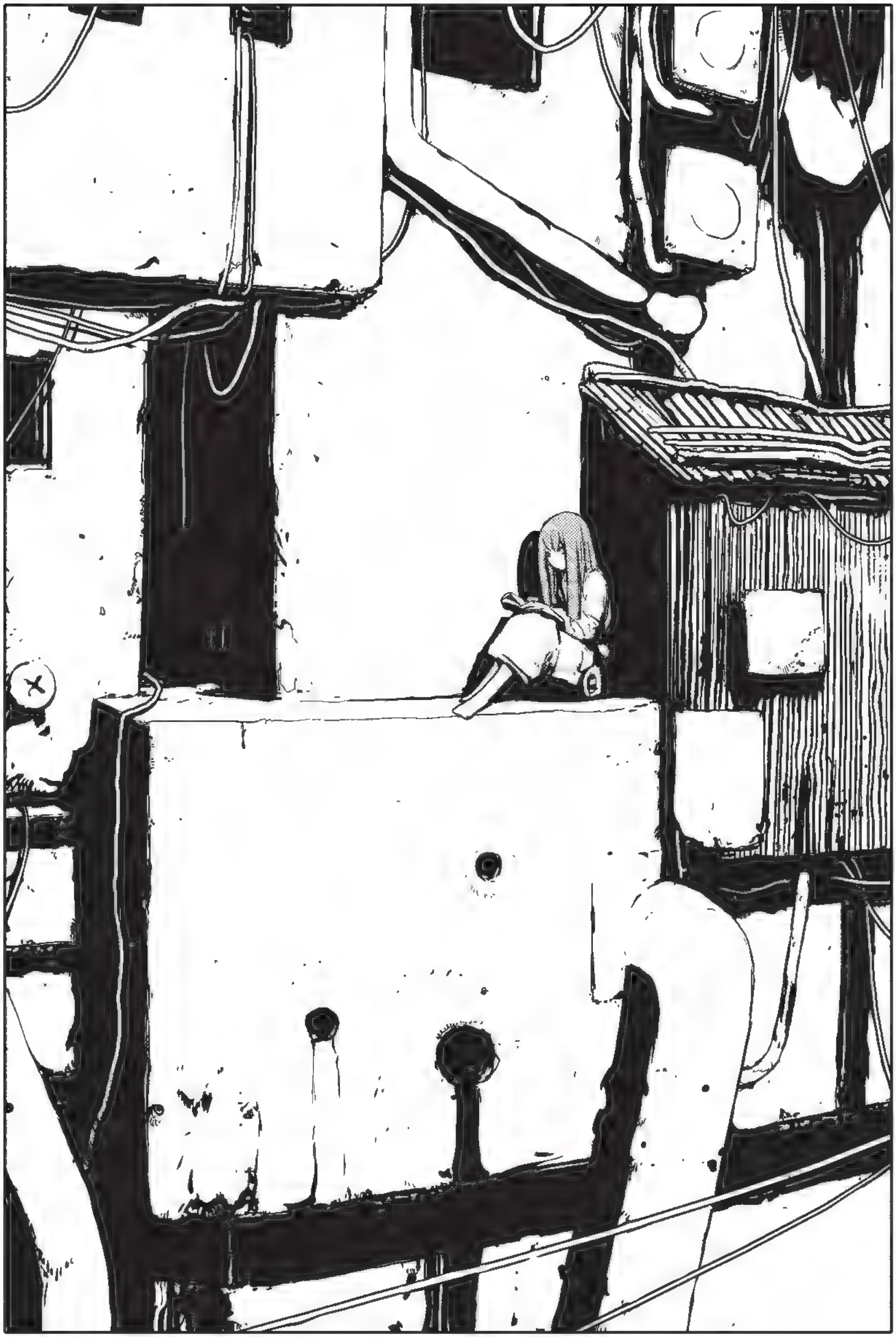
シドニアの騎士

KNIGHTS OF SIDONIA

Chapter 3: Eiko Yamano's Starry Heavens



One Hundred Sights of Sidonia Part Two:
Sublevel Unstable Motive Power Area

THE BASIC FIXED ARMAMENTS OF A GARDE ARE EFFECTIVE ONLY AGAINST THE PLACENTA OF A GALINA.

BUT WHEN A GARDE AND GALINA ARE ONE ON ONE

FOR THE MOST PART, THE PLACENTAS REGENERATE FASTER THAN THE GARDE CAN DAMAGE THEM.

YES. WHAT DO WE DO IN THAT CASE, THEN?

THERE ARE A MERE 28 LANCES IN SIDONIA THAT CAN MAKE THAT HAPPEN.

CREATE AN OPENING IN THE CORE OF THE GAUNA WHERE IN A HUMAN THE BRAIN AND SPINE WOULD BE LOCATED.

THEN ATTACK IT WITH MATERIAL THAT CAUSES THE GAUNA'S CENTRAL SYSTEMS TO HAVE A REFUSAL REACTION.

THAT WILL HALT THE GAUNA'S ACTIVITY, AND THE PLACENTA, WHICH IT NO LONGER CONTROLS, WILL BE SHED OFF.

THE KABI-ZASHI

NAGA-
TE!

WE'VE GOT MISSION ORDERS!!

IT'S AN EXTRACTION ASSIGNMENT, THOUGH.

WE MAY HAVE TO FORM A CLASP ARRAY TOGETHER SO LET'S SHAKE HANDS IN CASE.

YOU AND I ARE IN THE SAME SQUAD.

KCH AK

OH, YAMANO.

DID YOU KNOW? YAMANO'S ON THE SAME SQUAD AS US FOR THE MISSION.

WH- WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

THERE'S A JINX SAVING IF YOU FORM A CLASP ARRAY WITH A PERSON YOU'VE NEVER TOUCHED, YOU'LL HAVE AN ACCIDENT.

JINXES ARE DUMB.

I'LL PASS.

LET'S SHAKE HANDS !

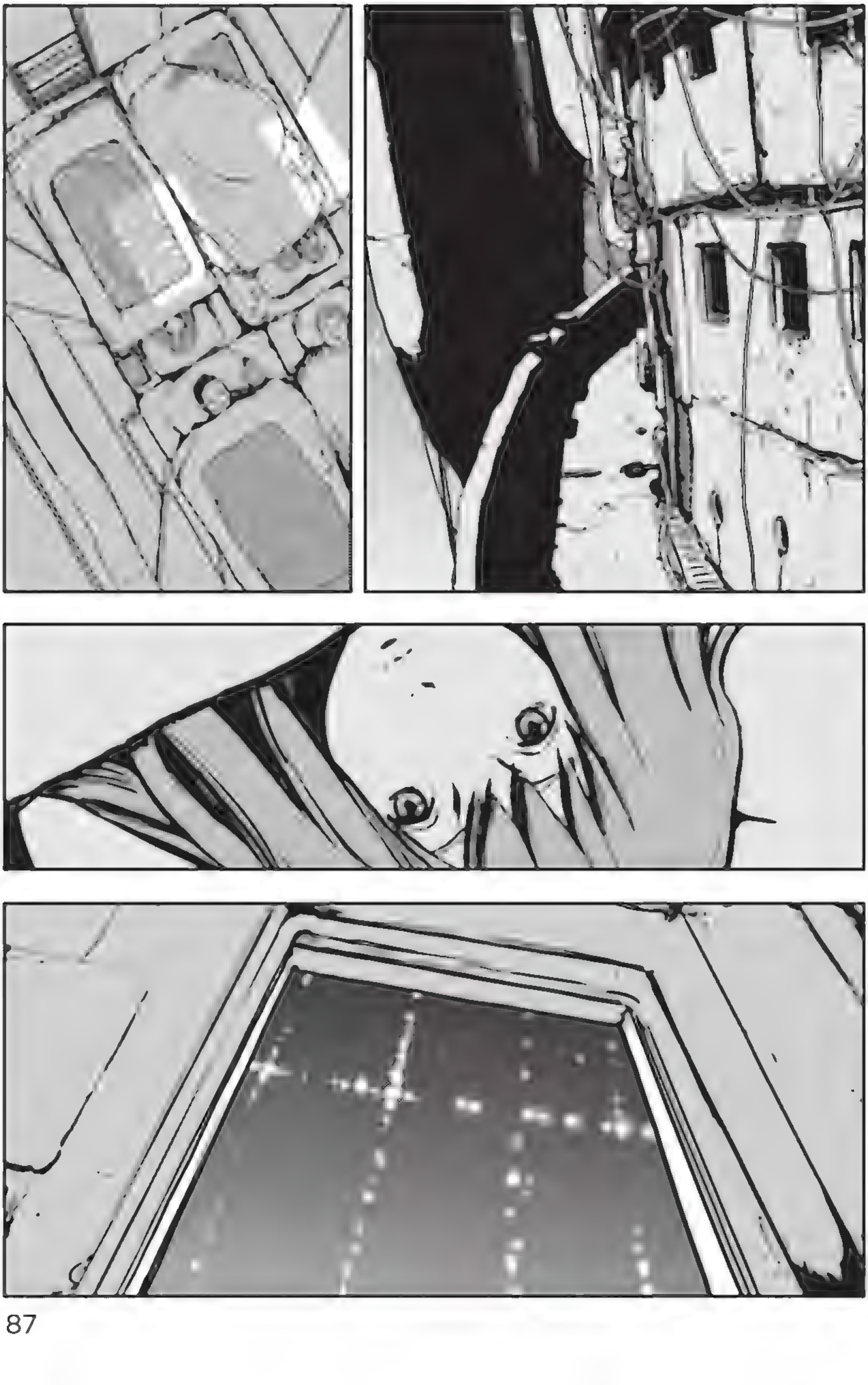
WHY DO I HAVE TO WORK WITH THEM? THEY GOT IN ON SPECIAL CONDITIONS...

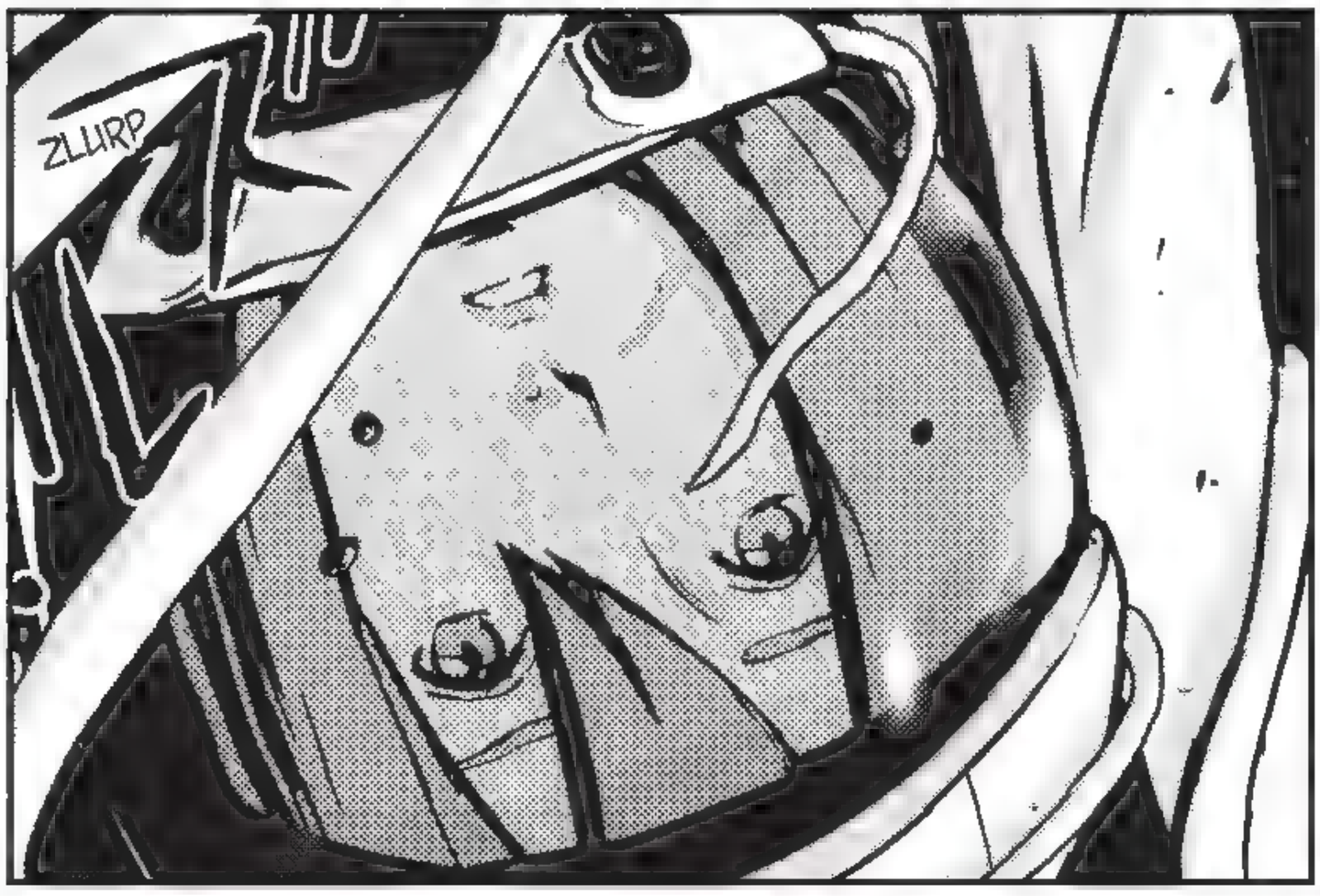
THIS HAS TO BE A JOKE.

CONGRATULATIONS EIKO YAMANO!

YOU'RE A HARD WORKING GIRL, EIKO.
オリ重
EMERGENCY PARACHUTE
EMERGENCY PARACHUTE

I ONLY BECAME A TRAINEE. WE DON'T KNOW YET.
CONGRATULATIONS, EIKO. HOW INCREDIBLE THAT OUR LITTLE NEIGHBORHOOD PRODUCED A GARDE PILOT!




ZLURP

SHRITCH

CHOMP

YAMA-NO!!

YAMANO'S BEEN EATEN BY THE GALINA !!

GULP

SEVERE INJURIES TO HIS CERVICAL VERTEBRAE AND NUMEROUS OTHER AREAS !!

HE'S IN CRITICAL DANGER !!

WHAT'S TANIKAZE'S CONDITION ?

WHAT ABOUT TANI-KAZE ?!

HIS UNIT IS HELD FAST BY THE GALINA!

NAGATE TANIKAZE

CARDIOPULMONARY ARREST

HE ISN'T HEALABLE JUST WITH THE SUIT'S RESUSCITATION EQUIPMENT!

...

THEY HAVEN'T REACHED THAT STAGE OF TRAINING YET.

IF WE FIRE A KABIZASHI FROM SIDONIA, WILL THE TRAINEES BE ABLE TO CATCH IT?

IT'S ONLY A STOPGAP, BUT WE'RE GOING TO REPEL THE GAUNA BACK AS FAR AS POSSIBLE.

PREPARE TO FIRE THE HEAVY MASS CANNON!

...ROGER.

CALL OFF THE RESCUE OF TANIKAZE UNIT. WE'LL TAKE OVER WITH REMOTE ASSISTANCE FROM HERE.

WE CAN'T ALLOW ANY FURTHER CASUALTIES. EVACUATE THE TRAINEES.

...!

ゴゴゴゴゴゴ

GRRRRR

PING

PING

KONG

FIRE
!!

THUNK

BUT ...

WE REPEAT!! BASE TO ALL UNITS! WITHDRAW TO THE SAFE ZONE AT ONCE!!

NAGATE IS STILL ALIVE !!!

SHINA-
TOSE,
PULL
OUT
!!

NAGA-
TE!!!

WHIP

CHING .

BA

BA

BAM

SPTCH

SPTCH

WHAT IS THIS ?!

KUNATO SQUAD

NORIO KUNATO | EIKO YAMANO | IZANA SHINATOSE | NAGATE TANIKAZE

HOSHIJIRO SQUAD

SHIZUKA HOSHIJIRO | EN HONOKA | REN HONOKA | HOU HONOKA

NAGATE !!!

THE TSUGUMORI! TANIKAZE UNIT IS MOVING!

WHAT'S GOING ON? THAT'S IMPOSSI-BLE...

PULSE NORMAL!! NAGATE TANIKAZE HAS RECOVERED !!

HAHH

HAHH

ROAR

GWAAAAHH

WHIP

WHIP

TS Q28

FWIP

WHIP

THOSE GALINA ACTIVITIES HAVE NO MEANING !!

DON'T BE DECEIVED!! GET OUT OF THERE, TANIKAZE !!!

IT'S RECON-STRUCTING THE PLACENTA BASED ON YAMANO'S DATA...

WHAT'S THAT ?!

YAMANO UNIT

VZZZ

PLACENTA ESTIMATED WEIGHT 739 T

HAHH

ROAR

TANI-KAZE !!

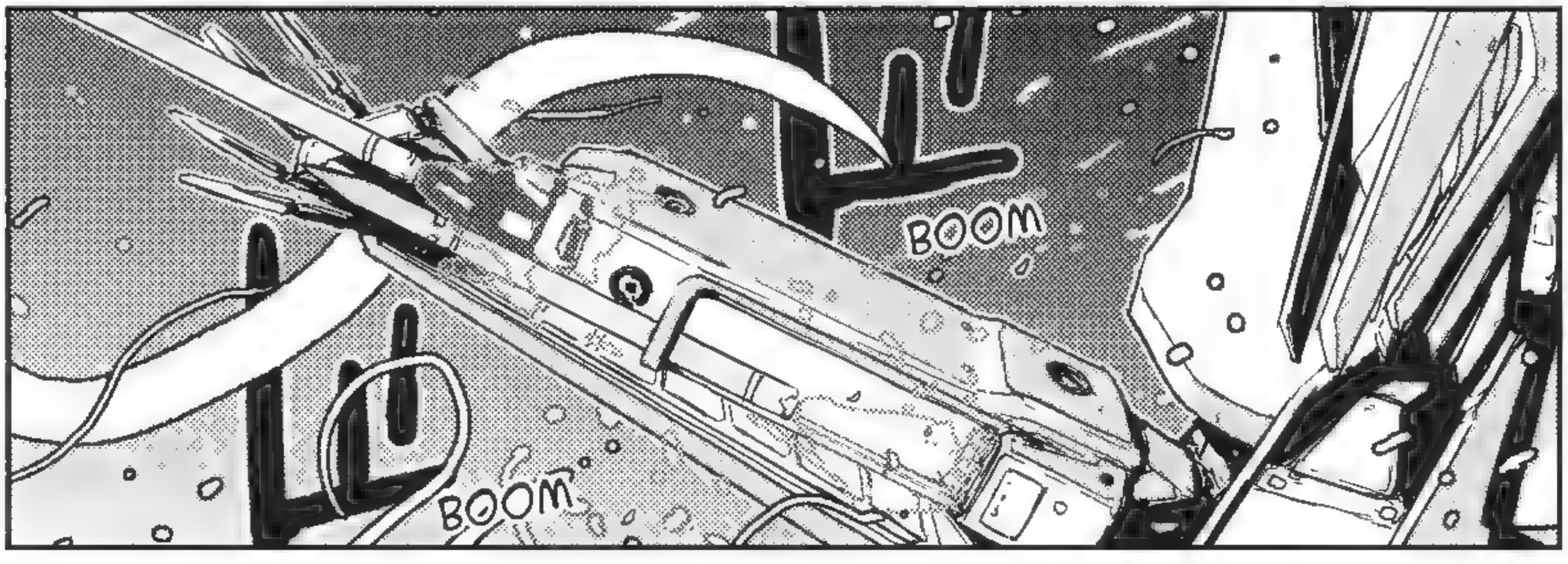
TANIKAZE ! RESPOND !!

HAHH

SPKK
W4
TS
028
BA
BA
BAM

TS
028
GSH

02
VZZEEE


BOOM
BOOM

CLIK

THUKK

BOOM

DOOM

PTCH

SPTCH

THERE'S NO WAY TO DESTROY THE CORE WITH TSUGIMORI'S CURRENT LOADOUT!!

THE PLACENTA WILL REGENERATE! GET AWAY!!

CORE EXPOSED

KCHNK

VREEE

GALINAAA !!!

TWENTY SECONDS TO IMPACT !!

GRAGGAGGAGG

W4 TS 02B

PATTER

SPLIK

SPLIKK

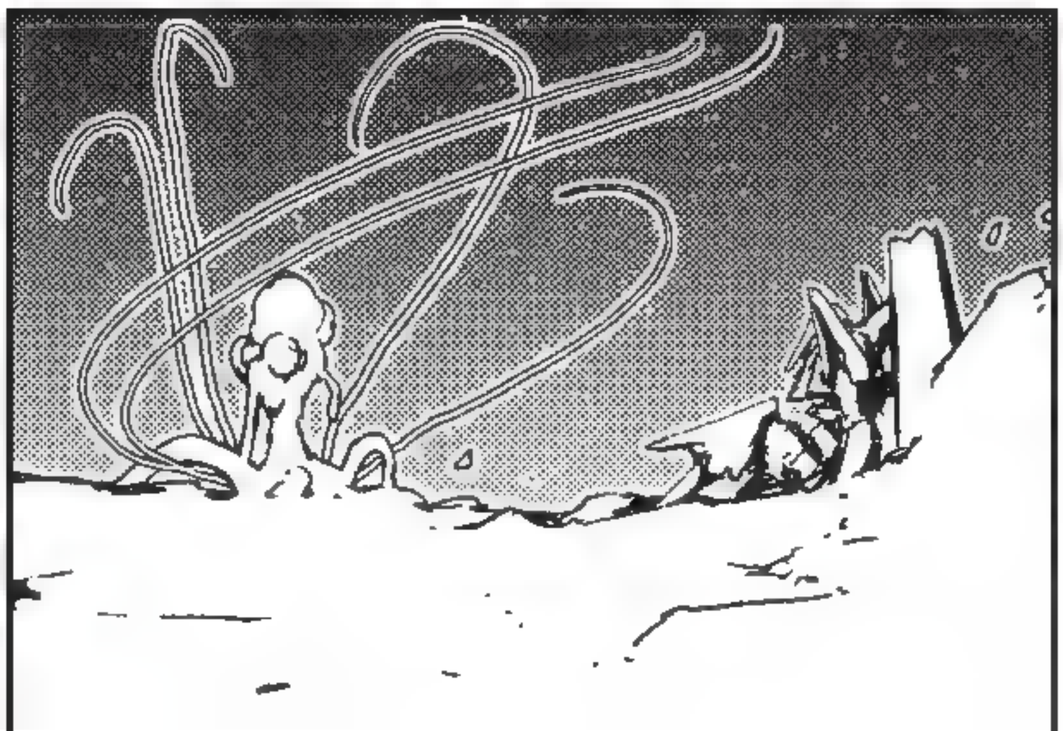
PATTER

TANIKAZE!! THAT'S ENOUGH, STOP!!

FWMP

SSPPKK
Warning
Tentacle Firing
Apparatus Formed
Volume 523.5 m³

WHAKK



BLAM

W4
TS
001

HOSHI-
JIRO
!!

TANI-
KAZE, GIVE
ME YOUR
HAND
!!

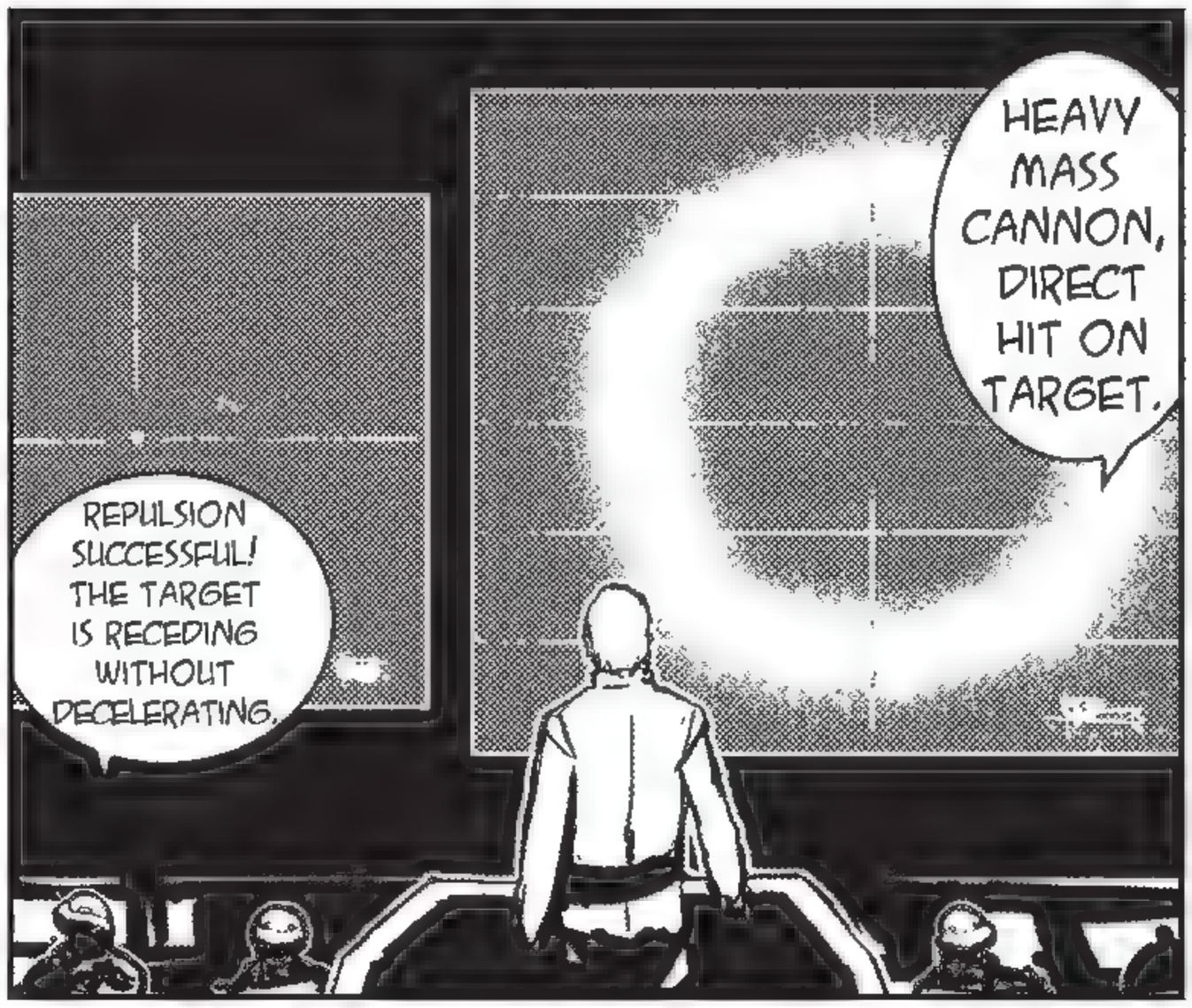
W4
-S
028

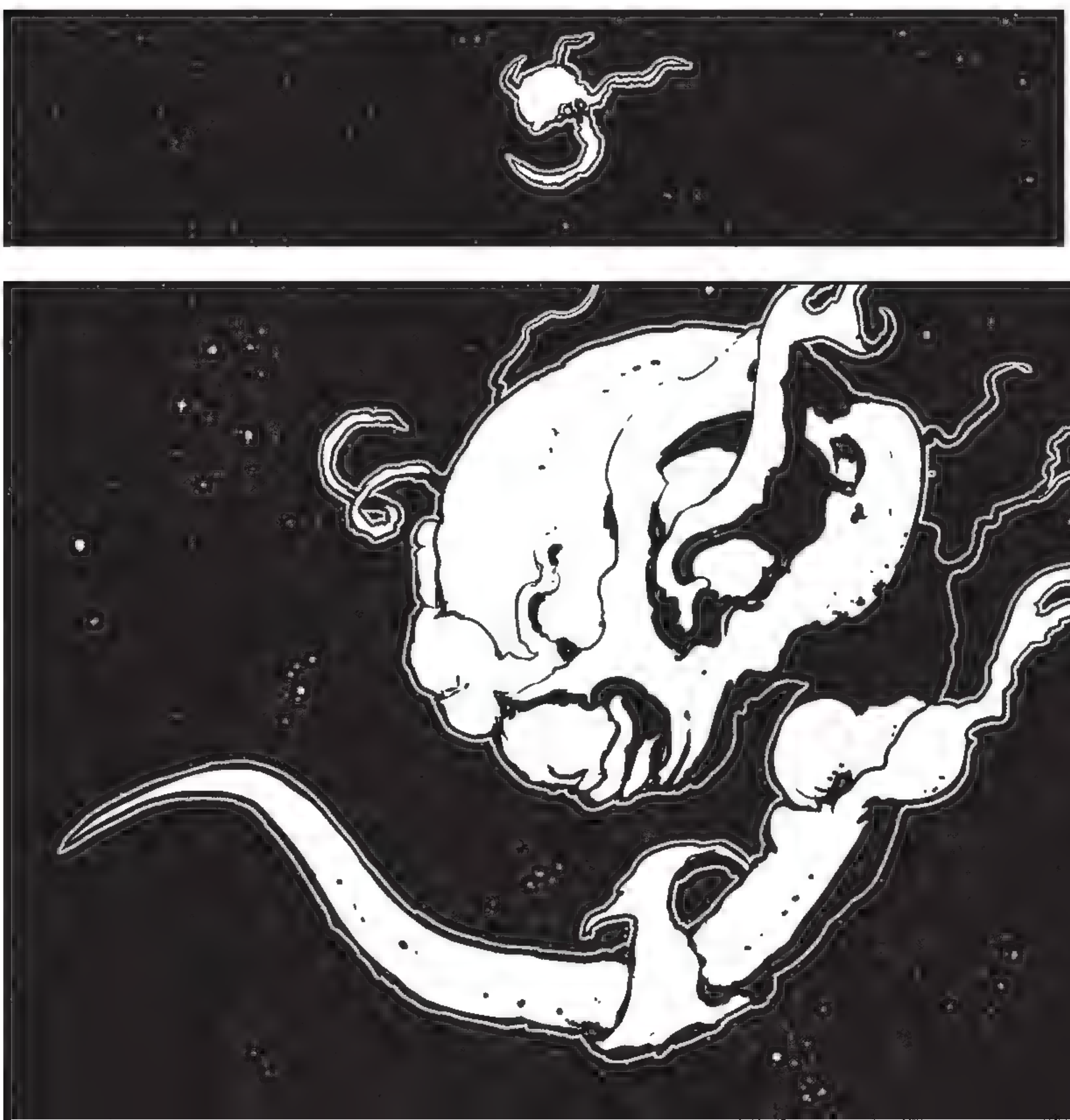
HURRY
UP AND
GRAB IT
!!

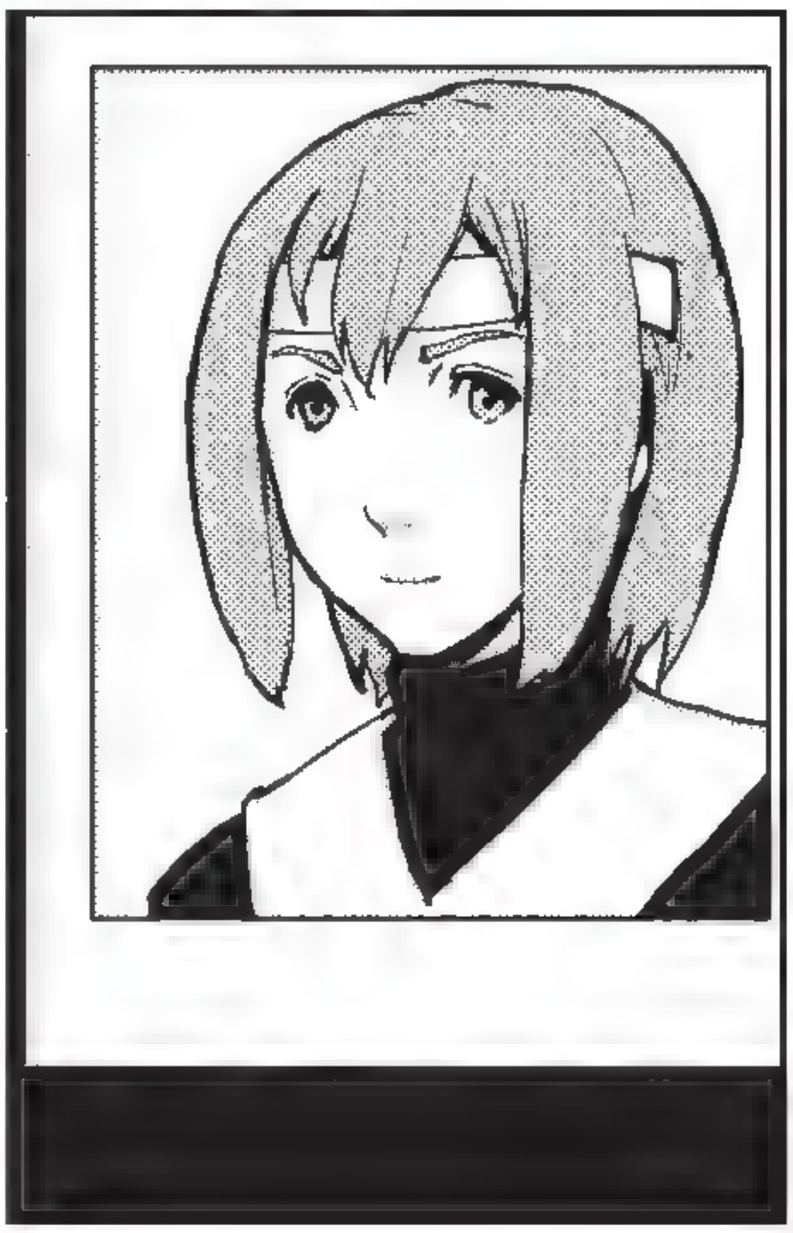
BOOOM

ARRAY!!

VWOOO


REPULSION SUCCESSFUL! THE TARGET IS RECEDING WITHOUT DECELERATING.
HEAVY MASS CANNON, DIRECT HIT ON TARGET.





THANK YOU, MR. OCHIAI.
I'LL WALK BY MYSELF FROM HERE.

Chapter 4: Norio Kunato's Fury

One Hundred Sights of Sidonia Part Three:
High Speed Persons and Freight Elevator Track

Yamano Eiko !!

Put up the cutter

Yes, Tani-kaze.

We should kill her at once and not make her suffer any further!

SHUSS ''

WHIP WHIP SWIPP

Hurry ! Hurry !

Please!! Save this person!!

It's no use! No matter how much I step on it, I can't crush it!!

STOMP

STOMP

Retreat, Nagate Tanikaze!!

You need a Kabizashi to destroy the core!!

THUD

GRAK

NAGATE
?
ARE
YOU
OKAY
?

WHMP

WH-
WHAT
IS THIS
...?
!

YOU THREW UP AND PASSED OUT ALL OF A SUDDEN.
DON'T YOU REMEMBER?

Eiko Yamano

里子 河本
信吾 量外
義 油陀 鵜不
美 軽妙 飛蝗
雄 縷縷伊 総
栄子 山野 甲行 両全
ミレ 輝 斯
事 任切 文 志

OH, THAT'S RIGHT ...

I WAS GAZING AT THE MEMORIAL MONUMENT, THEN I ...

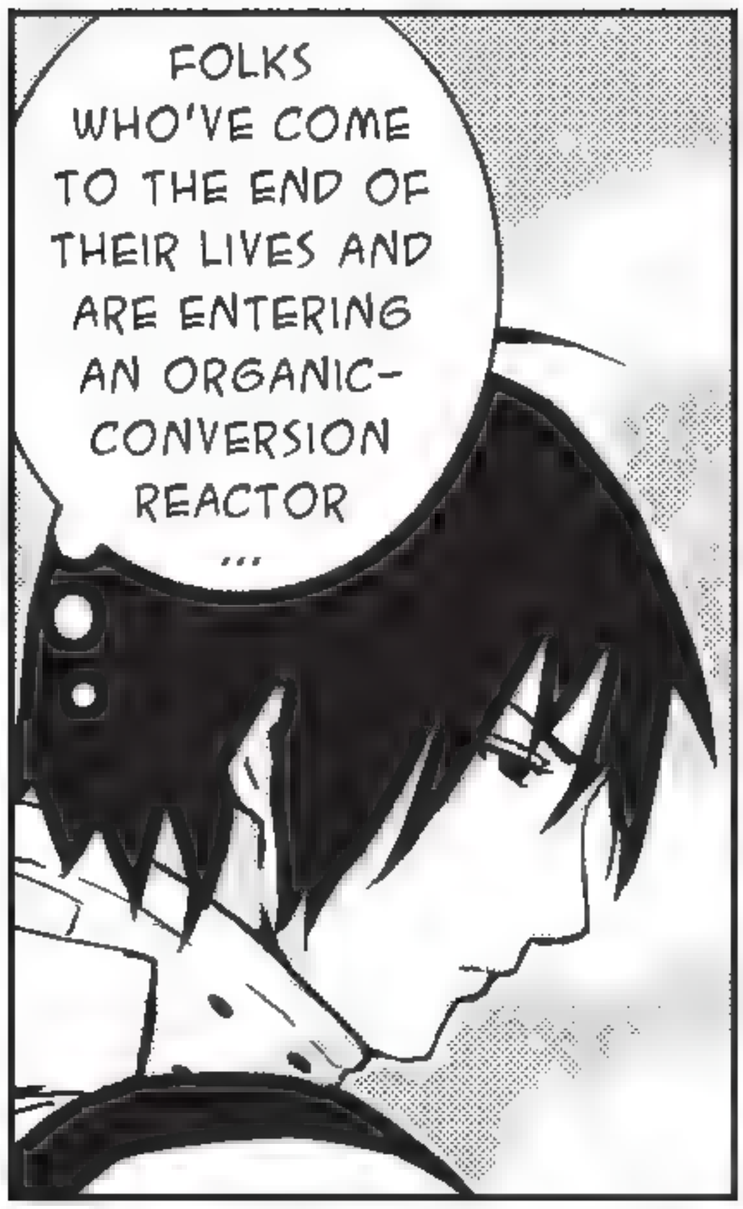
...

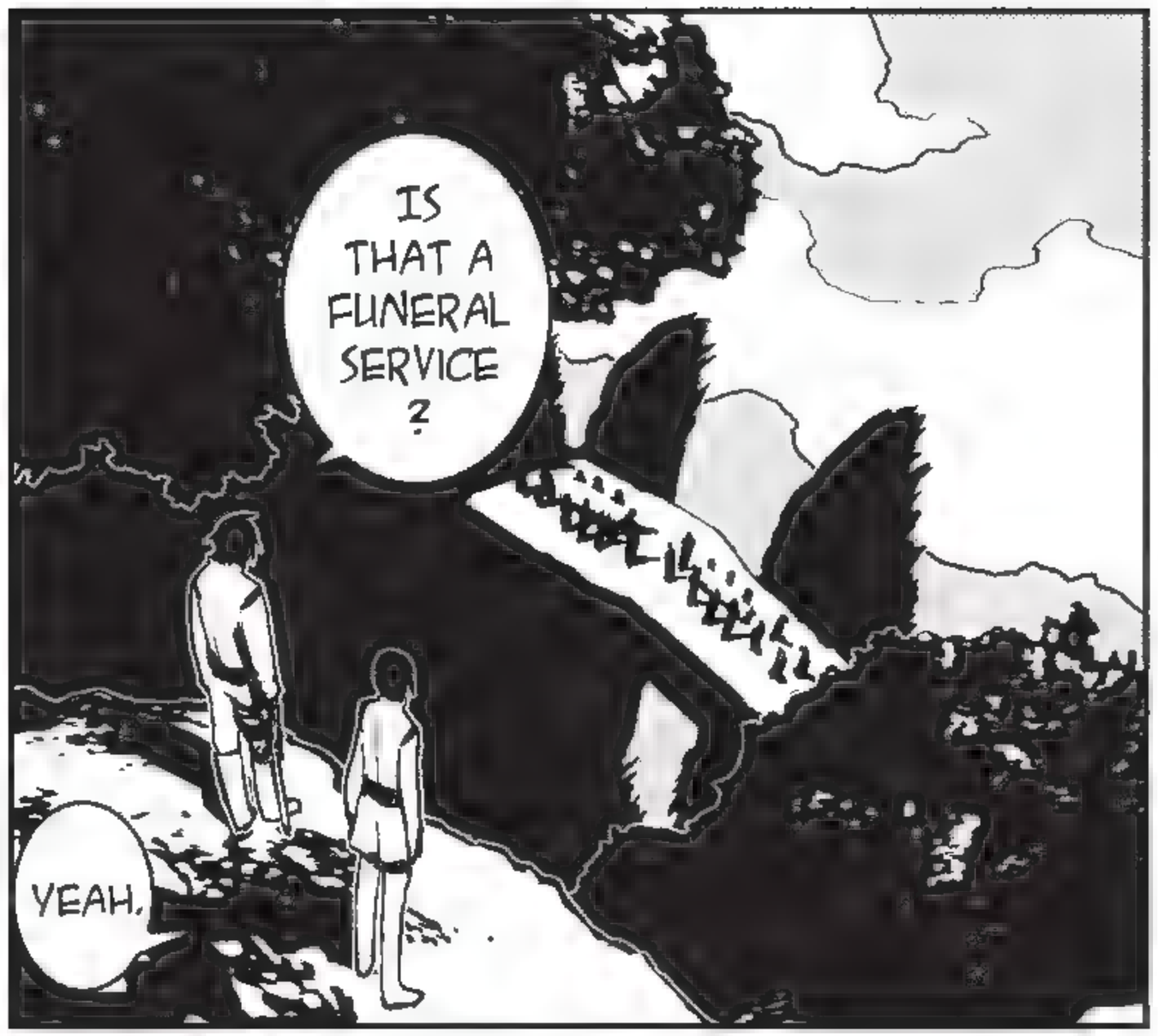
EW ...

THAT'S OK.

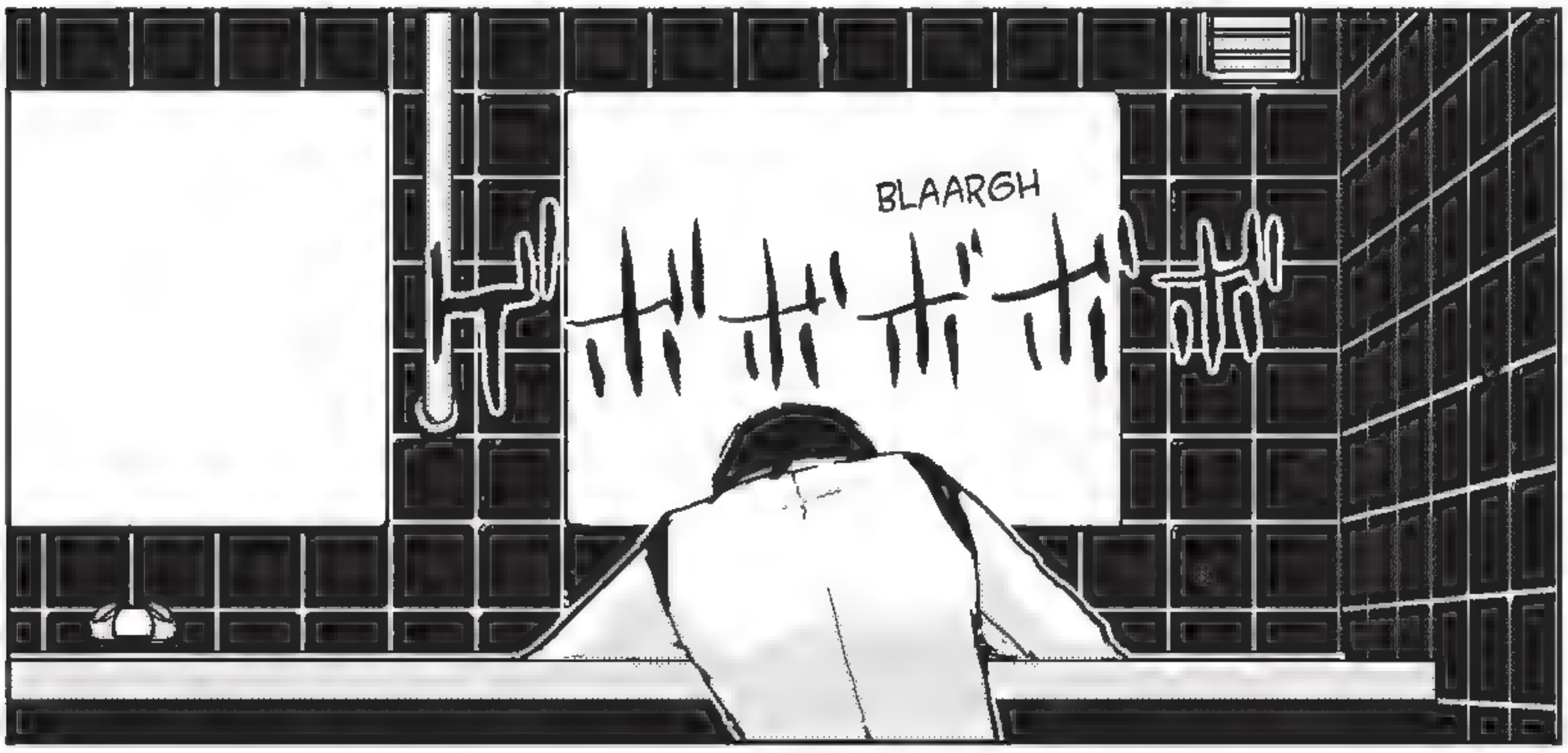
I GOT SOME ON YOU TOO, IZANA. SORRY ...

SPLTTTTT


FOLKS WHO'VE COME TO THE END OF THEIR LIVES AND ARE ENTERING AN ORGANIC-CONVERSION REACTOR ...


IS THAT A FUNERAL SERVICE?
YEAH.

FWOO


BLAARGH

SLIP
スリ
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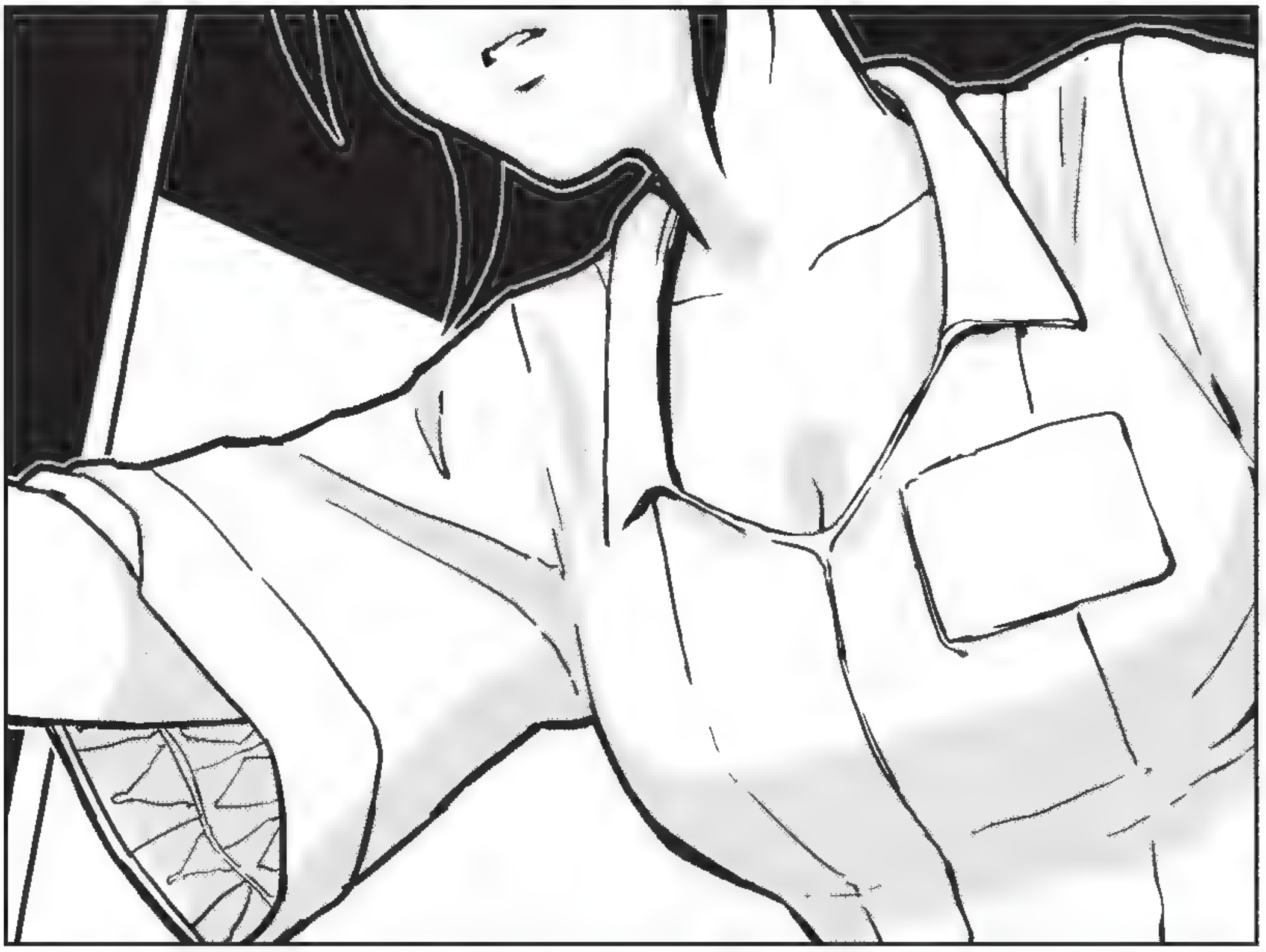
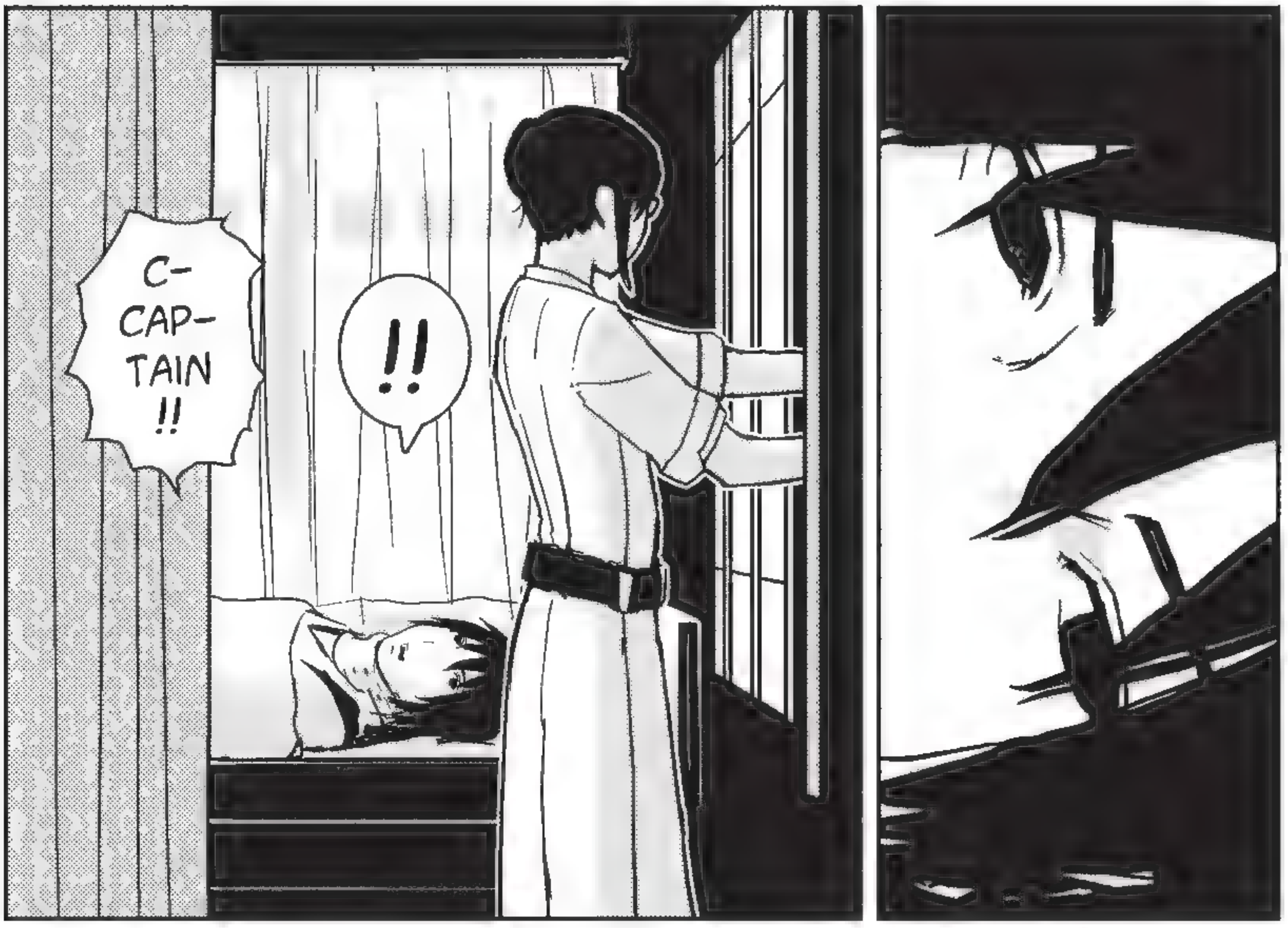
ト
THUD

HAAH
HAAH
SQUEEZE




C-
CAP-
TAIN
!!
!!

YOU CAN GO BACK TO SLEEP.

WH- WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ?

WOBBLE

ACK! THE AFTERNOON CLASS IS STARTING!

WHLIB

HUH ...?

I CAN'T KEEP ANYTHING DOWN LATELY ...

S- SORRY.

IT'S JUST LIGHT MALNUTRITION, BUT YOU STILL SHOULD TAKE IT EASY.

CHKK

BOMP

I'D LIKE TO GET THESE CASTS OFF...

OH! UH, DOCTOR... MY LEG AND NECK DON'T HURT AT ALL ANYMORE...

IS THIS TRAINEE REP KUNATO ?

HELLO ?

I DON'T HAVE THAT AUTHOR- ITY.

BIP BIP BIP BIP

THIS IS KOBAYASHI FROM THE SICK BAY.

COULD YOU COME OVER HERE FOR A MOMENT?

NO, I CAN'T.

HUH? HEY, YOU—

...

BEEP BEEP

YES.

EXCUSE ME!

コンコン KNOCK KNOCK

SORRY ABOUT THIS, VICE REP.

PLEASE TAKE TANIKAZE TO THE LECTURE ROOM.

IT'S FINE. HOW CAN I HELP ?

WHA ?!

OKAY.

I-I... MUST STINK, NO?

I THREW UP, TOO...

...

NO, YOU DON'T.

Gwar- grlll grrrll

Grrg

Higgs-Paper Lanterns

GRAVITY FESTIVAL

A Tradition of More Than 800 years

OH!

NAGATE!

ガチャ
CHKK

CHKK

TURN

IZANA
?

HASN'T IT ONLY BEEN THREE DAYS SINCE YOU BROKE YOUR LEG ?

YOU CAN WALK NORMALLY ALREADY ?!

OH, RIGHT. I FORGOT MY CRUTCH!

...

GAH... AND IT'S ITCHY ...

ゴキ CRACK

I ACTUALLY THINK I'M ALL HEALED UP,

BUT THEY TOLD ME NOT TO TAKE OFF MY CASTS ...

THERE'S TONS OF DELICIOUS FOOD. YOU SHOULD GO TOO.

EVERYONE IS EATING AT THE GRAVITY FESTIVAL.

ISN'T THIS THE MEAL DAY OF THE WEEK ?

HUH? TODAY'S SATURDAY, ISN'T IT ?

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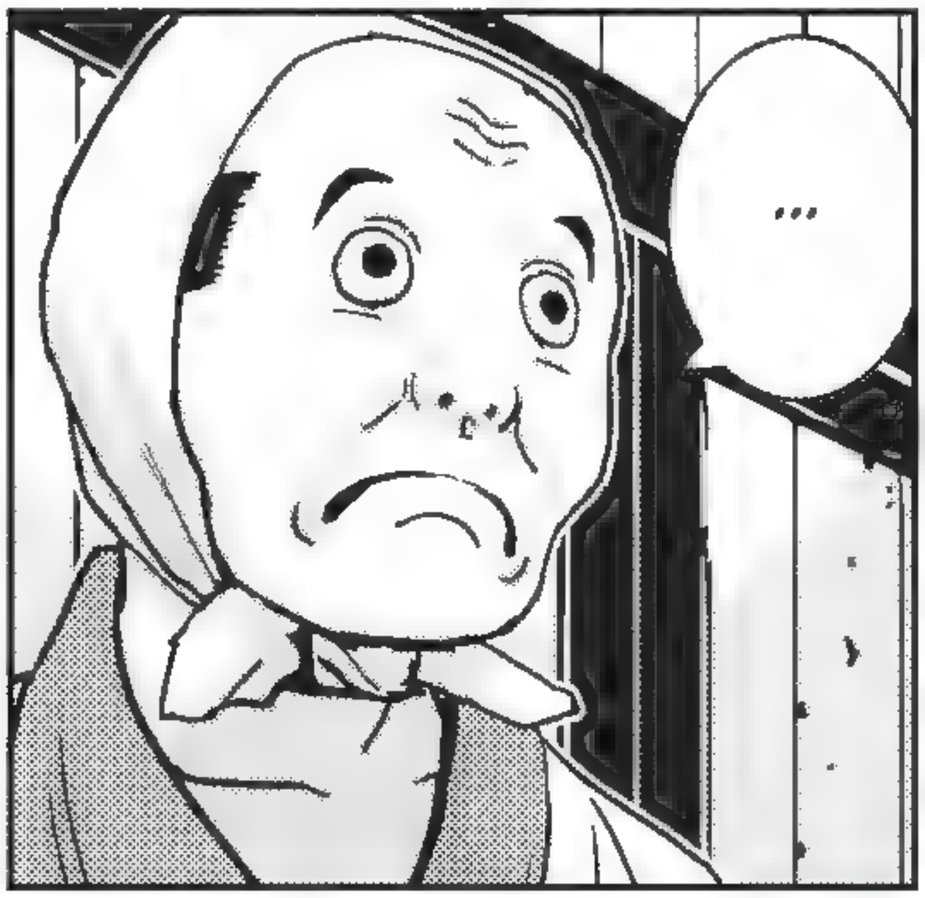
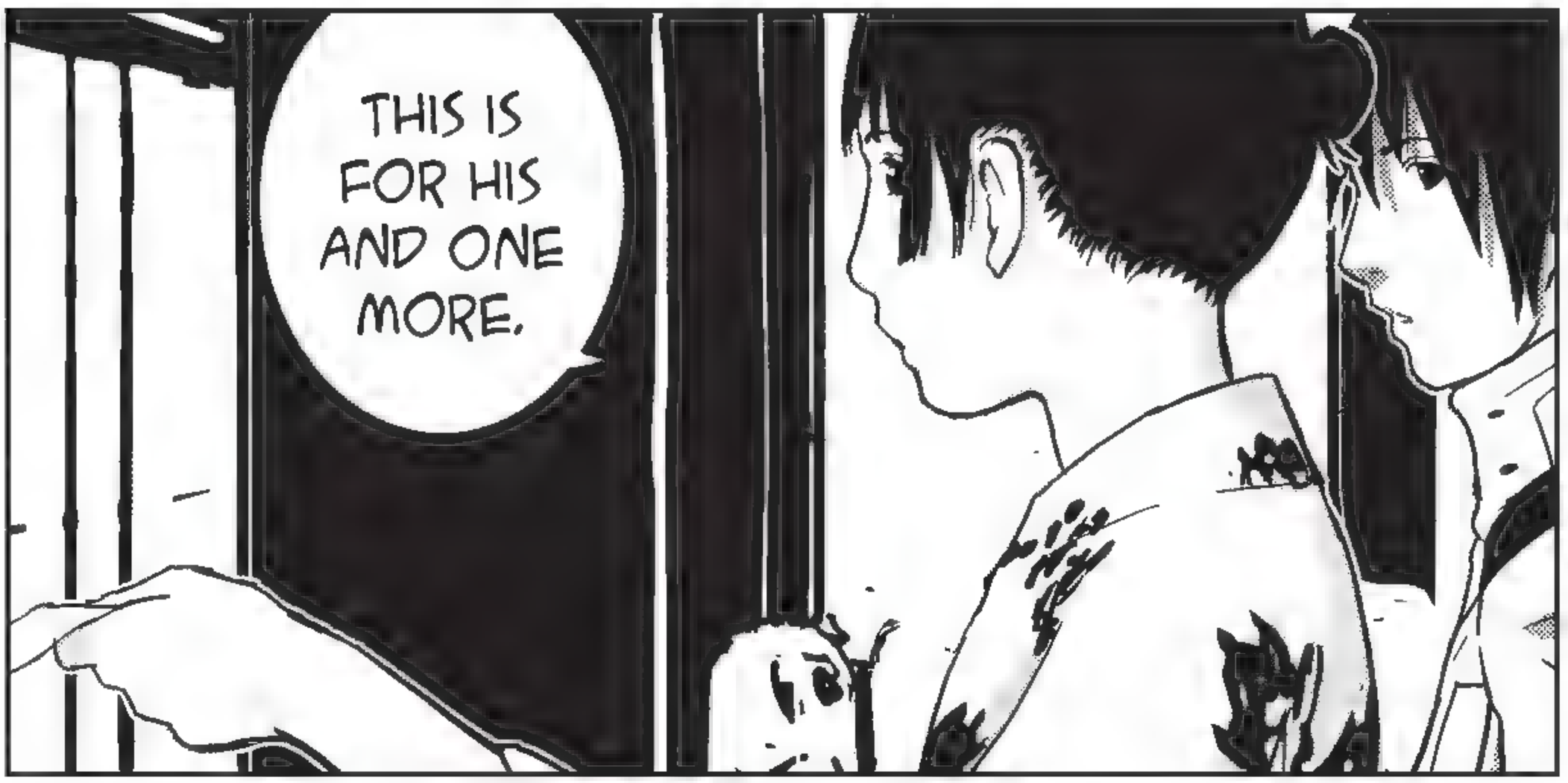
Beef & Salted Cabbage





H-H-HOSHI-JIRO?!

GOOD EVENING.

THANK YOU FOR THIS.

...LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT THAT NOW.

IT'S A FESTIVAL TODAY.

I, UH... IF YOU HADN'T PULLED ME AWAY THAT DAY,

I'D PROBABLY BE DEAD...

HE HE

WHOA!

YUM!!

BUMP

K-T-UMP

DON'T YOU WALK AWAY!!

AAAH !!

-I-I- ROLL

YOW OWOW ...

KUNATO!

...

YOU ARE?

AND...

IZANA!!

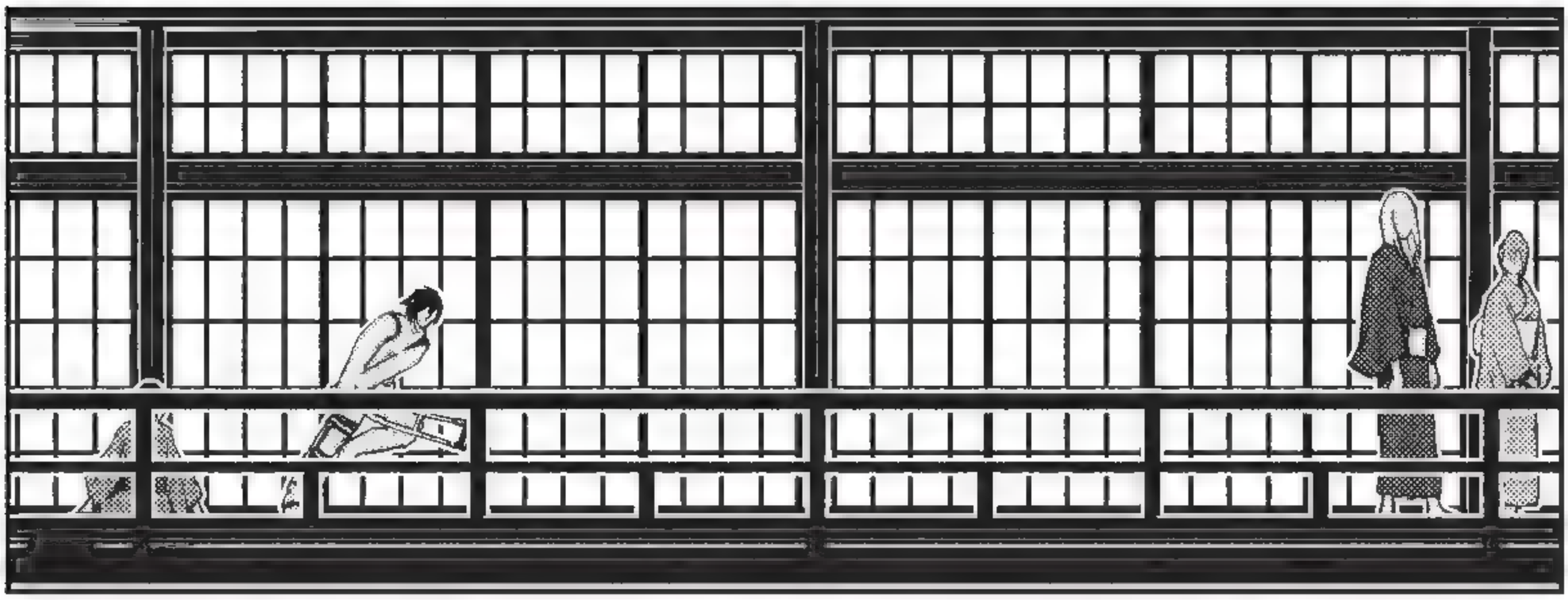
KUNATO!!

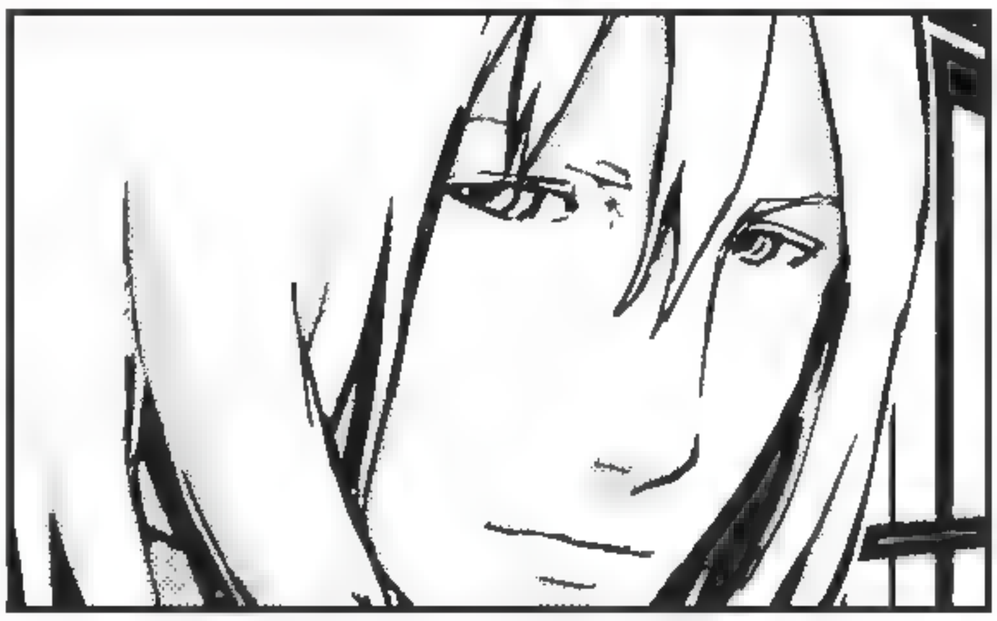
ARE YOU OKAY?

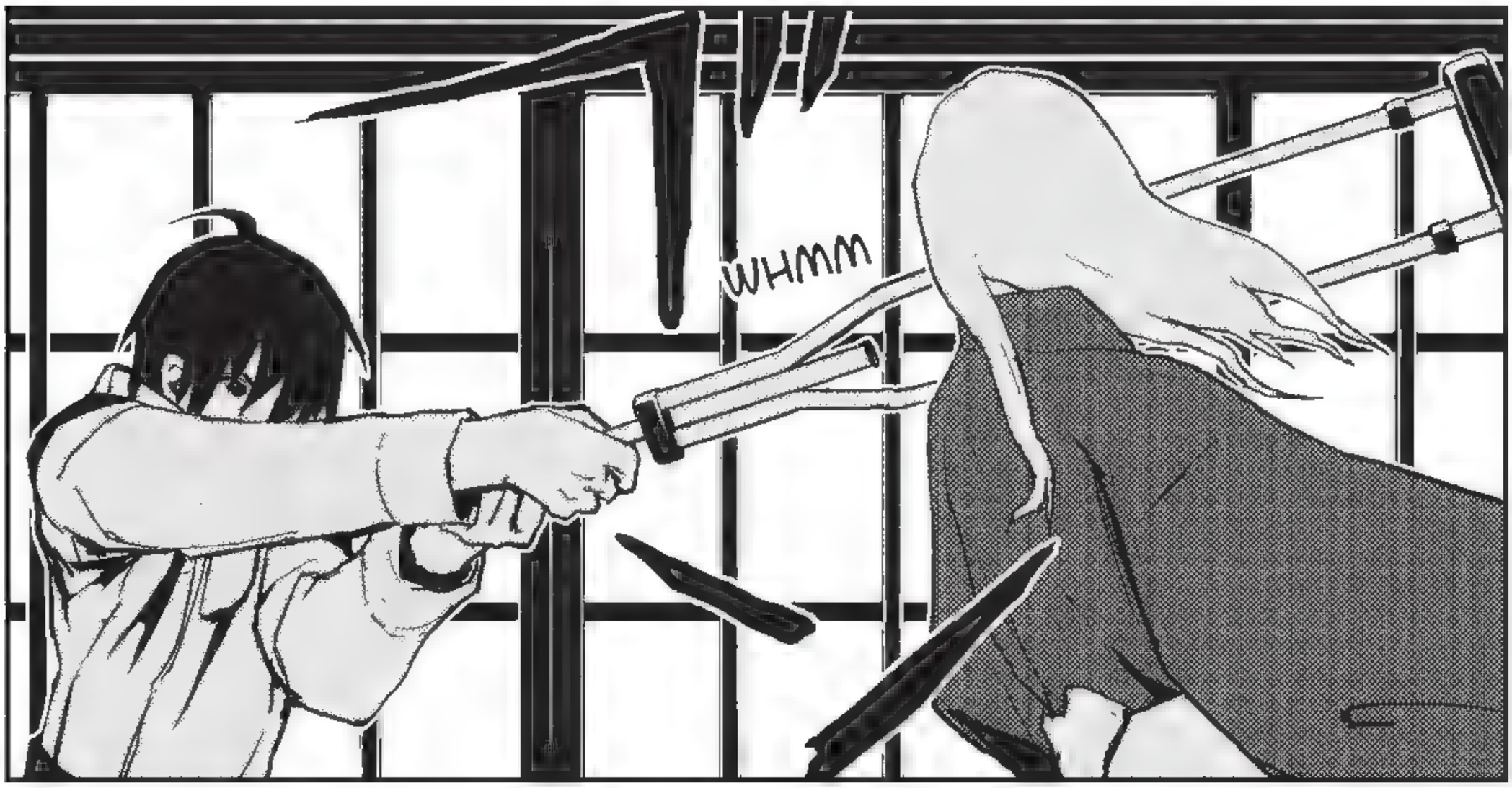
!!

YOU DEMI-HUMANS.

DO NOT CALL MY NAME LIGHTLY,






WHMM

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THOKK

THTT

KABANK

GAKK

WHDD

KIIIT

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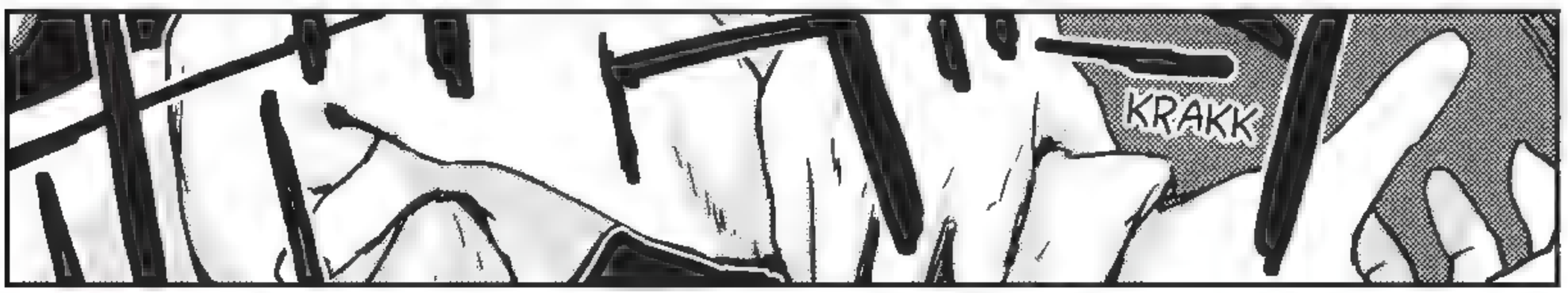
WHY
TRUST A GUY
LIKE THIS
WITH THE
TSUGUMORI
...?



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シドニアの騎士

KNIGHTS OF SIDONIA

Chapter 5: Mochikuni Akai's Glory

One Hundred Sights of Sidonia Part Four:
Environs of Perimeter Connection Bridge No. 16 Base, Residence Side

RAAAHHH

GRAKK

POINT !!!

RRAAHHH

YAAAHH

THE THIRD ROUND OF THE GRAVITY CUP TO BRING OUR LAST DAY OF THE GRAVITY FESTIVAL TO A CLOSE!
RRAAAHH
ALAS, THE RECORD FOR THE YOUNGEST-EVER CHAMPION COULD NOT BE BROKEN!
岐神
Kunato

OUT OF MY WAY.

THAT WAS A GOOD FIGHT, TRAINEE KUNATO!

YOU LOST TO THE ONE WHO SET THE RECORD HIMSELF— COMMENT?

HOWEVER, NORIO KUNATO, A MERE FIFTEEN YEAR OLD,

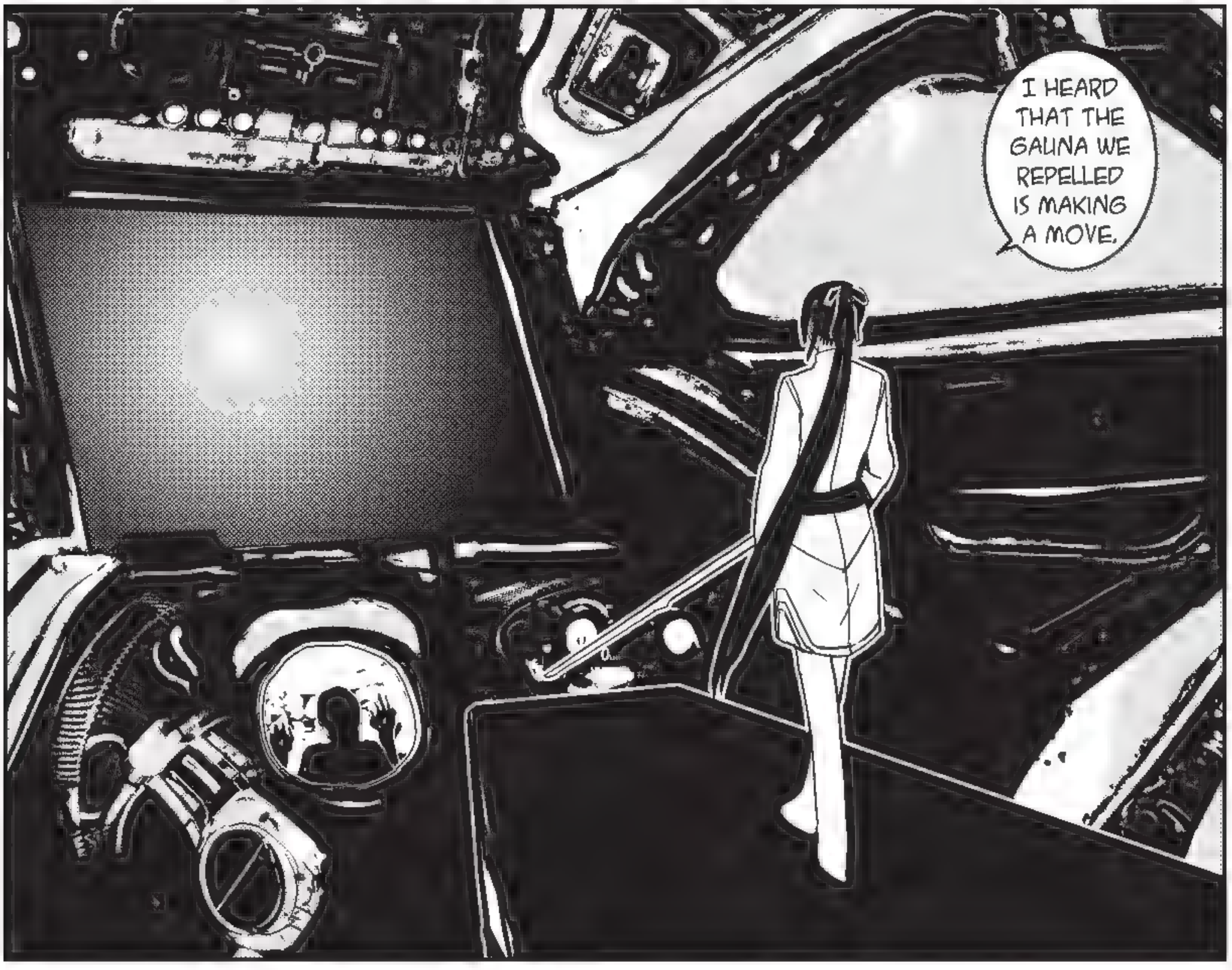
PUT UP A VALIANT FIGHT AGAINST AKAI—THE TWELVE-TIME SUCCESSIVE REIGNING CHAMP!

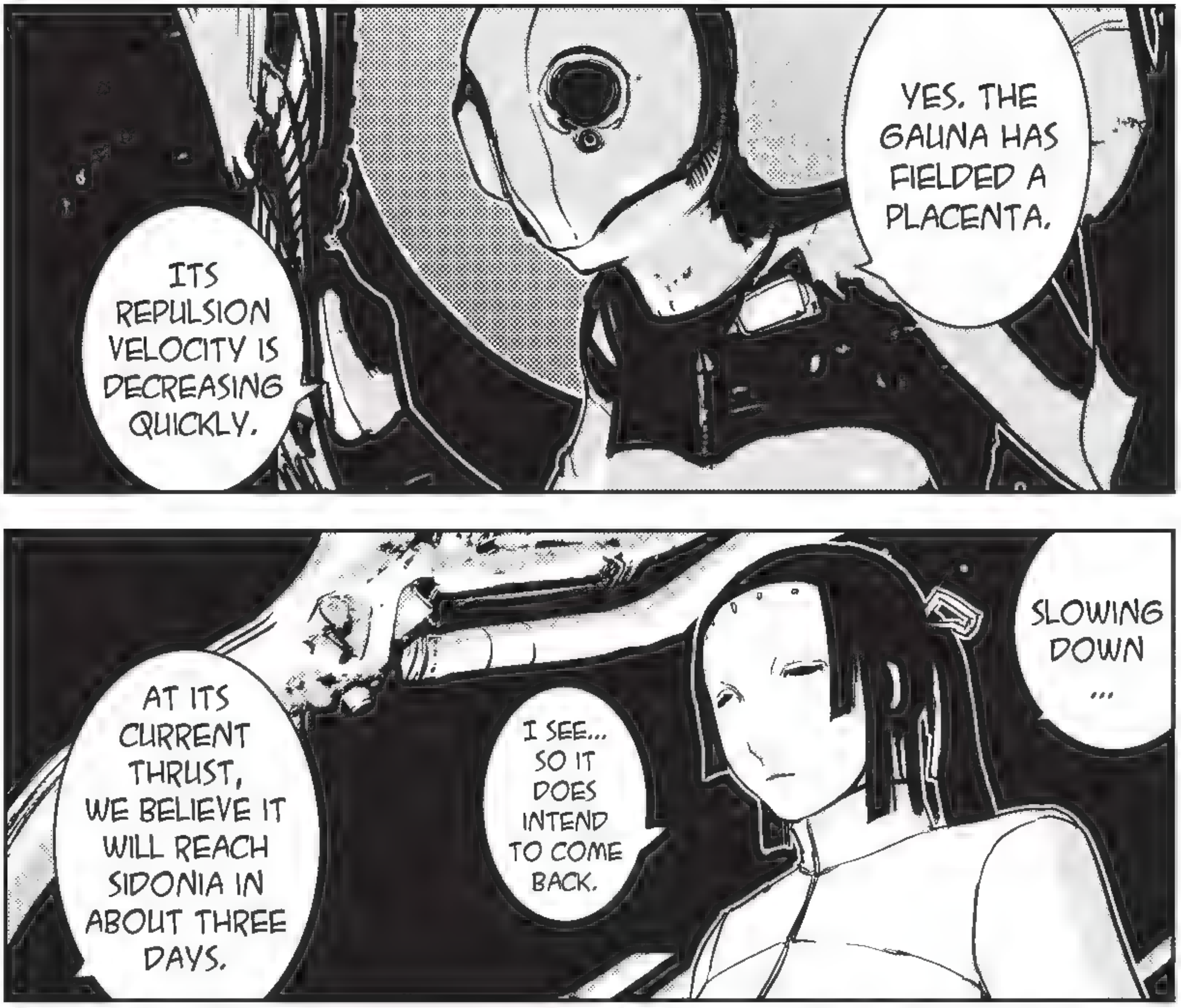
I'LL BE HEADING BACK TO THE DORMS NOW.

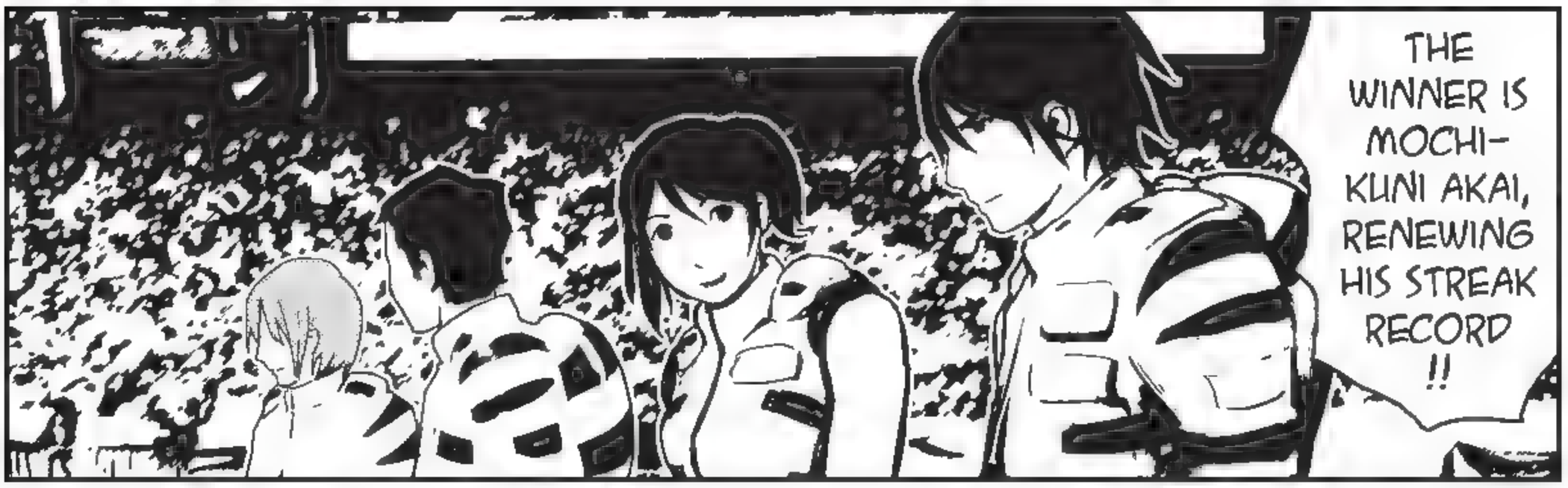
OH.

THANK YOU.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.

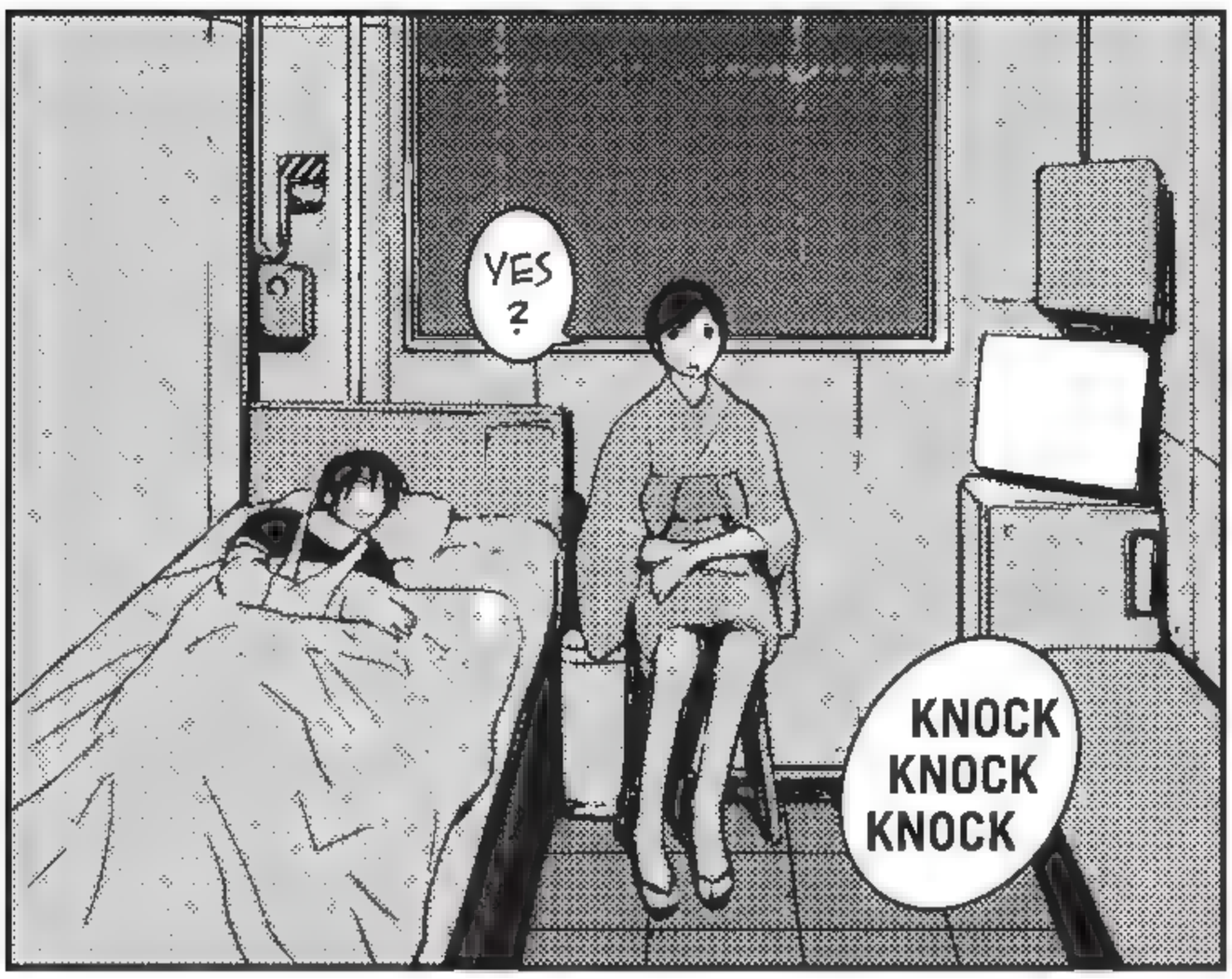

I HEARD THAT THE GALINA WE REPELLED IS MAKING A MOVE.


ITS REPULSION VELOCITY IS DECREASING QUICKLY.
YES. THE GALINA HAS FIELDED A PLACENTA.
AT ITS CURRENT THRUST, WE BELIEVE IT WILL REACH SIDONIA IN ABOUT THREE DAYS.
I SEE... SO IT DOES INTEND TO COME BACK.
SLOWING DOWN ...


THE WINNER IS MOCHI-KUNI AKAI, RENEWING HIS STREAK RECORD !!

DOES THAT MEAN THEY'RE THE BEST IN SIDONIA ?
AND AGAIN, THESE FOUR HAVE MADE A CLEAN SWEEP OF THE TITLES!

...
WOW !
THEY'RE UNBEATABLE IN THE TEAM COMPETITIONS TOO.
YUP.


YES ?
KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK

!!!

WAH! MR. AKAI ?!!

IS THAT NAGATE TANIKAZE SLEEPING THERE ?

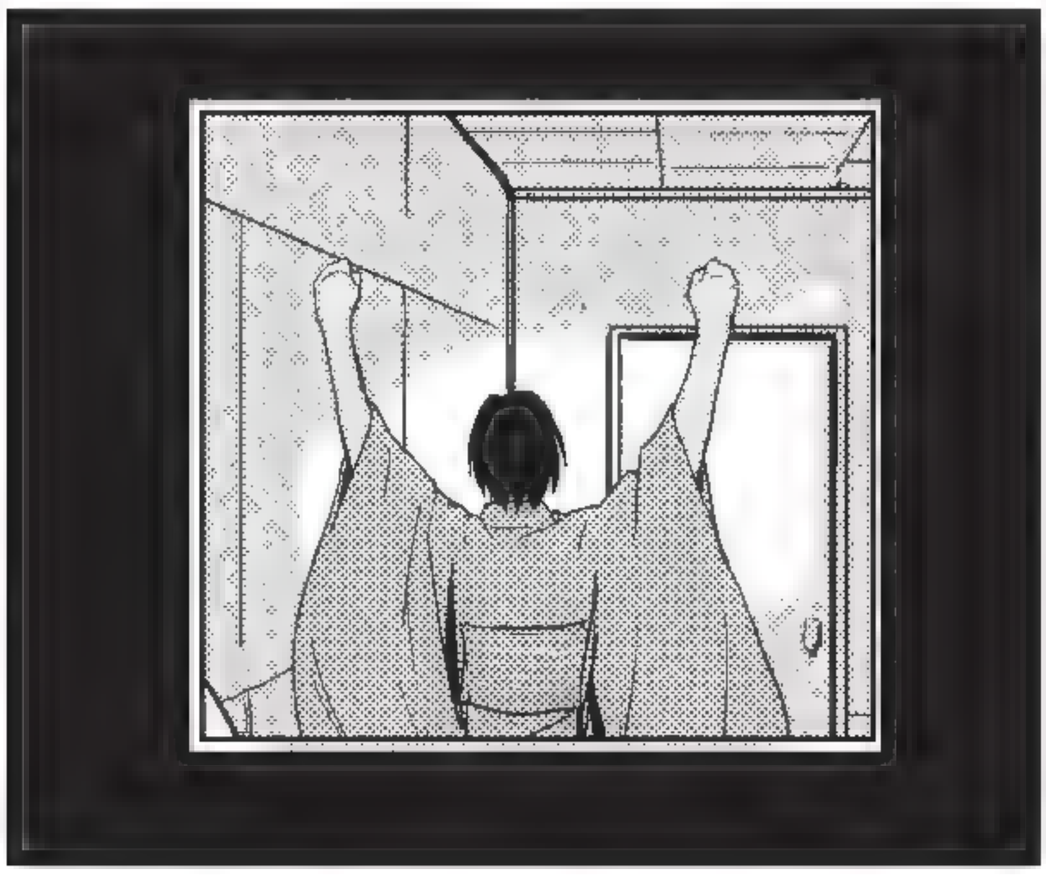
YES, SIR!! IZANA SHINATOSE !!

AREN'T YOU A TRAINEE WHO WAS ON THE EXTRACTION MISSION TOO?

NAGATE ! NAGATE !

DON'T BOTHER WAKING HIM.

U-
UNDER-
STOOD,
SIR!!
WHA
—?!



SEE YOU
SATURDAY,
THEN.

GOOD MORNING.

I'VE WASHED IT. WILL IT BE OKAY?

THIS IS THE ONLY CASUAL CLOTHING I HAVE ...

...

M-MORNING.

NAGATE, IS THAT AN OLD SPACE SUIT? WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?

VRRRR

THIS'LL BE THE FIRST TIME I'VE GONE PAST HERE!

AUTHENTICATED
IZANA SHINATOSE
LIMITED ACCESS
PERMISSION

BIP
BIP

DO NOT ENTER

RESTRICTED ZONE BEYOND THIS POINT

BUT THE LAPUTA WE'RE HEADED TO WILL BE AMAZING !

HMM... IT'S AN ORDINARY PASSAGEWAY ...

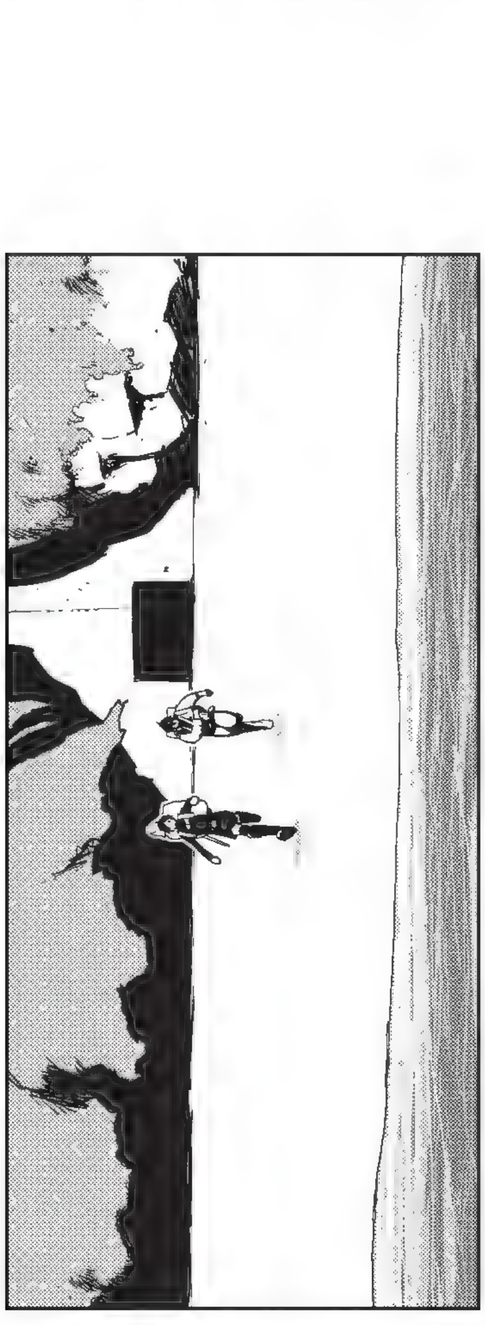
RIGHT NOW WE'RE THE ONLY LIVING SIDONIANS WHO'VE SEEN A GALINA UP CLOSE.

I WONDER, HOW DID WE GET TO BE INVITED?

THEY PROBABLY WANT TO INTERVIEW US.

YOU'RE ESPECIALLY FAMOUS, NAGATE. YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON EVER TO FIGHT A GALINA IN THIS WAR.

GRAAAR



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YAHOOO !!

TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP

AAAA HHH !!

GLUP

SLIP

ZA
BOOOM
GWOBWOB

OKAY.

I AM TRAINEE IZANA SHINATOSE! THANK YOU FOR THIS INVITA—

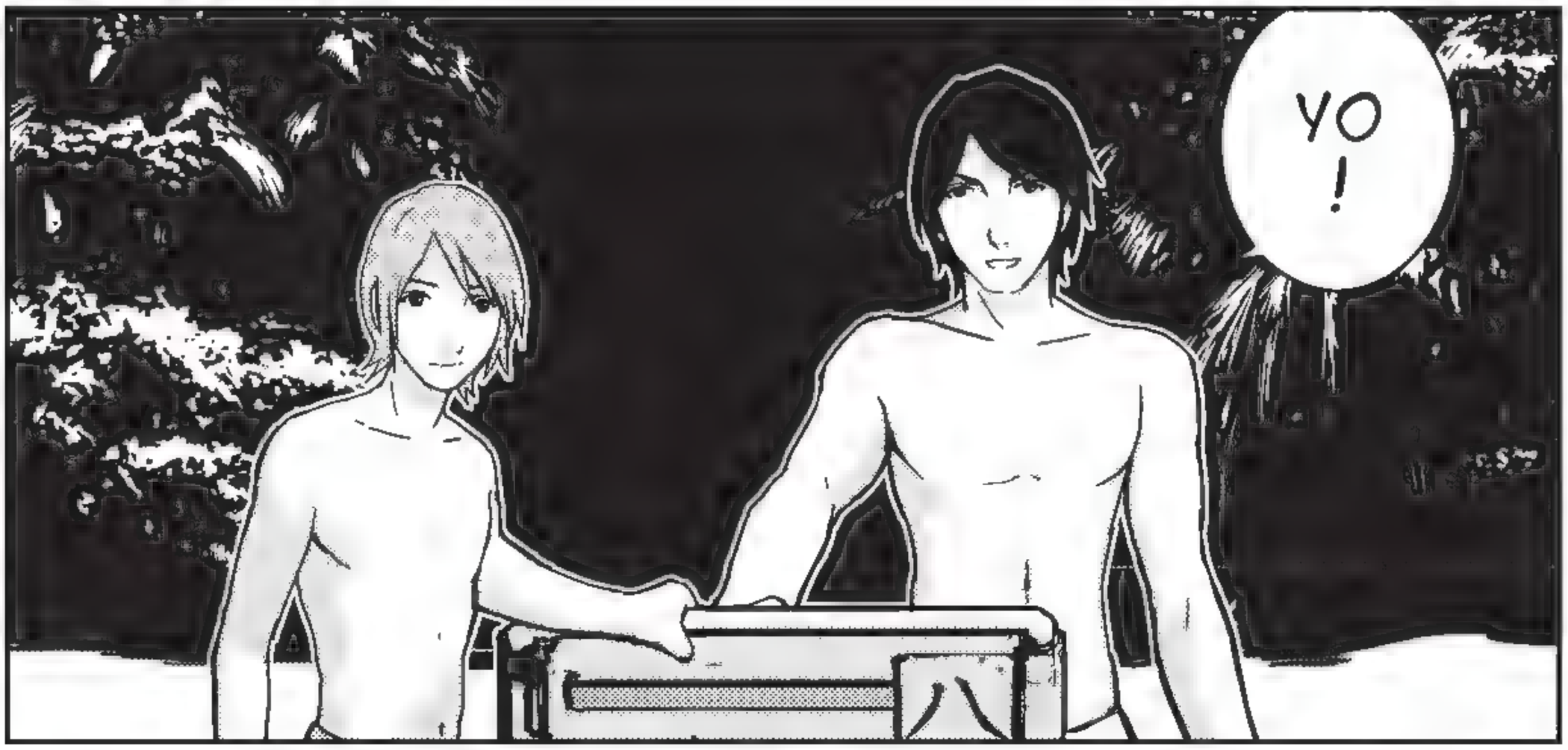
NO NEED TO BE SO FORMAL.

SO YOU WERE WEARING THIS, HUH ?

NO WONDER YOU WERE SO HEAVY.

PLIP PLIP PLIP

S- SORRY.


YO!

I HEARD TANIKAZE EATS ENOUGH FOR THIRTY PEOPLE.
JUST FOOD!
AKAI! WHAT DID YOU BRING?

GWARGGAARGGLE

B-BUT THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
UM... I DON'T EAT MUCH MORE AT ONCE THAN PEOPLE WHO CAN PHOTO-SYNTHESIZE.

SORRY. MY STOMACH MAKES THAT NOISE WHEN IT'S EMPTY.
HAHAHAHAHA
WHAT WAS THAT NOISE ?!
TO OUR LAST SUPPER!
ZAZAWW
IS THIS DRINK ...?
WHAT ...
TEETER
STOP IT, MIDORI-KAWA.

AOKI ...

...

IT'S FLYING FOR SIDONIA.

THAT GAUNA'S ON THE MOVE.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

LAST ...?

WE'VE BEEN EQUIPPED WITH TWO KABIZASHIS AS WELL. WE COULD GET SCRAMBLE ORDERS AS EARLY AS TOMORROW.

WE FOUR HAVE BEEN CHOSEN AS THE SUPPRESSION FORCE.

I WAS JUST JOKING BEFORE.

NOW, DON'T TALK THAT WAY.

WAS IT ALL RIGHT FOR US TO INTRUDE ON SUCH AN IMPORTANT OCCASION?

IS THAT SO...

NAGA-
TE!

BDAM!!

!

ZAZAWW

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I WOUND UP OUTSIDE LOOKING FOR A BATHROOM ...

I HOPE THIS ALL ENDS SOON ...

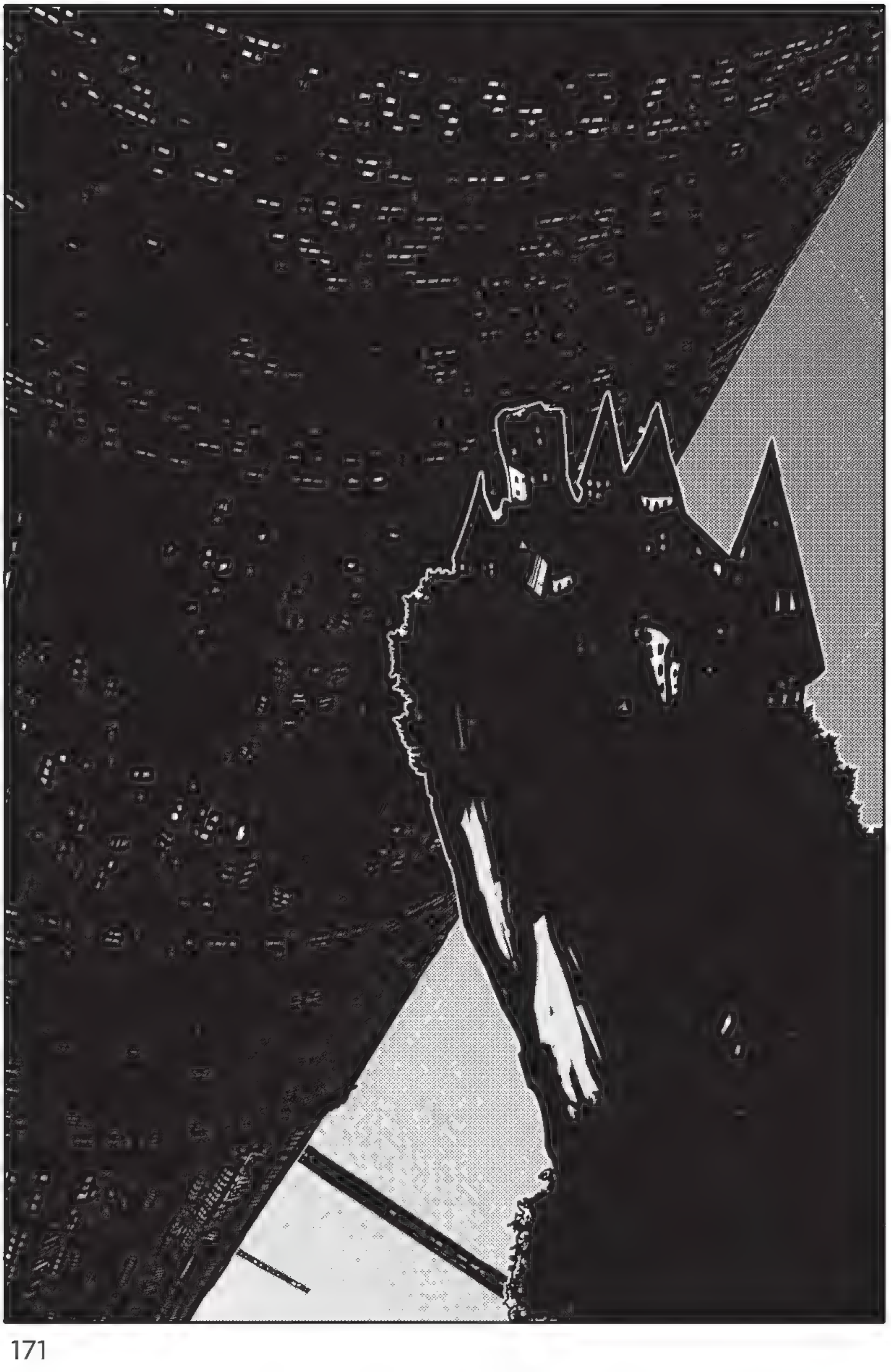
YEAH... I DO, TOO.

AREN'T YOU AFRAID, AKAI ?

IT'S JUST AN H2-TYPE GAUNA. WE FOUR CAN'T LOSE.

PLUS I'M MORE AFRAID OF YOUR FATHER THAN THE GAUNA, MOMOSE.

ZAZAWW



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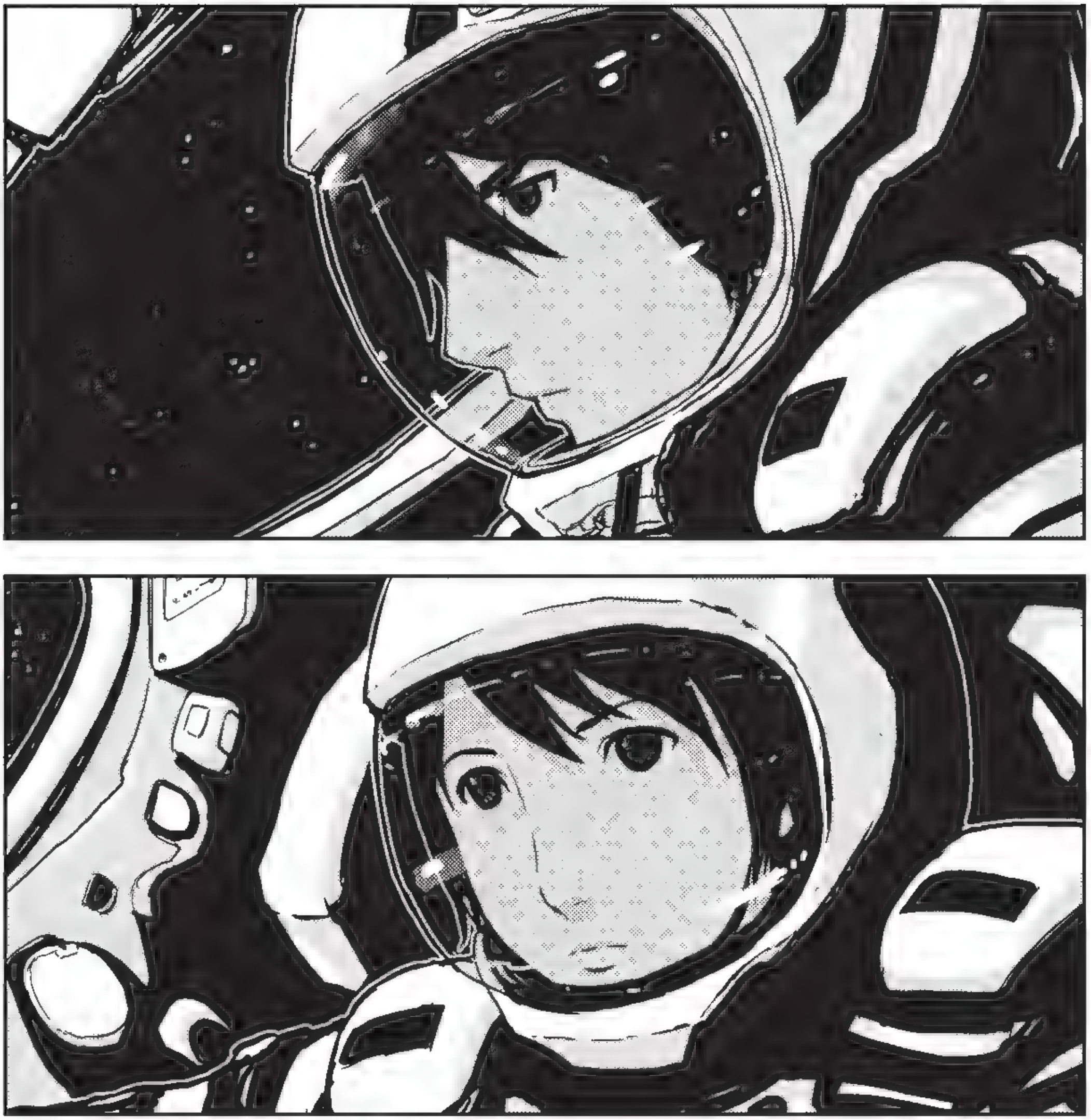
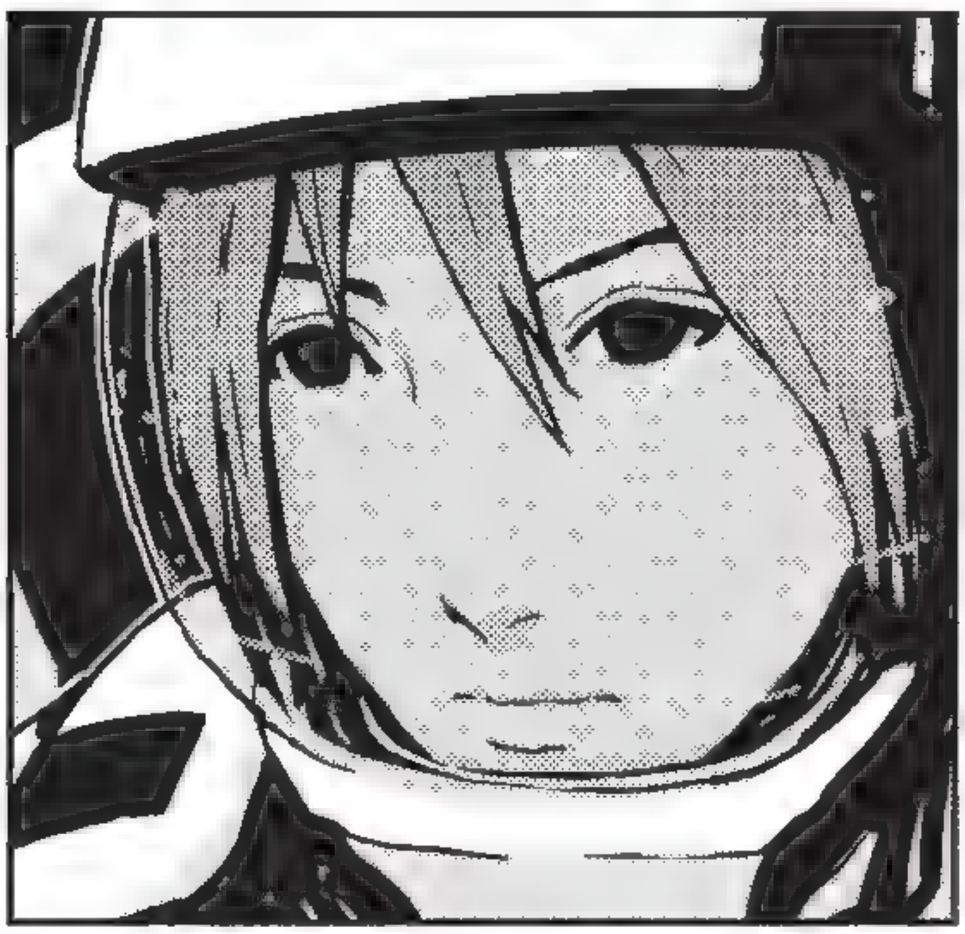
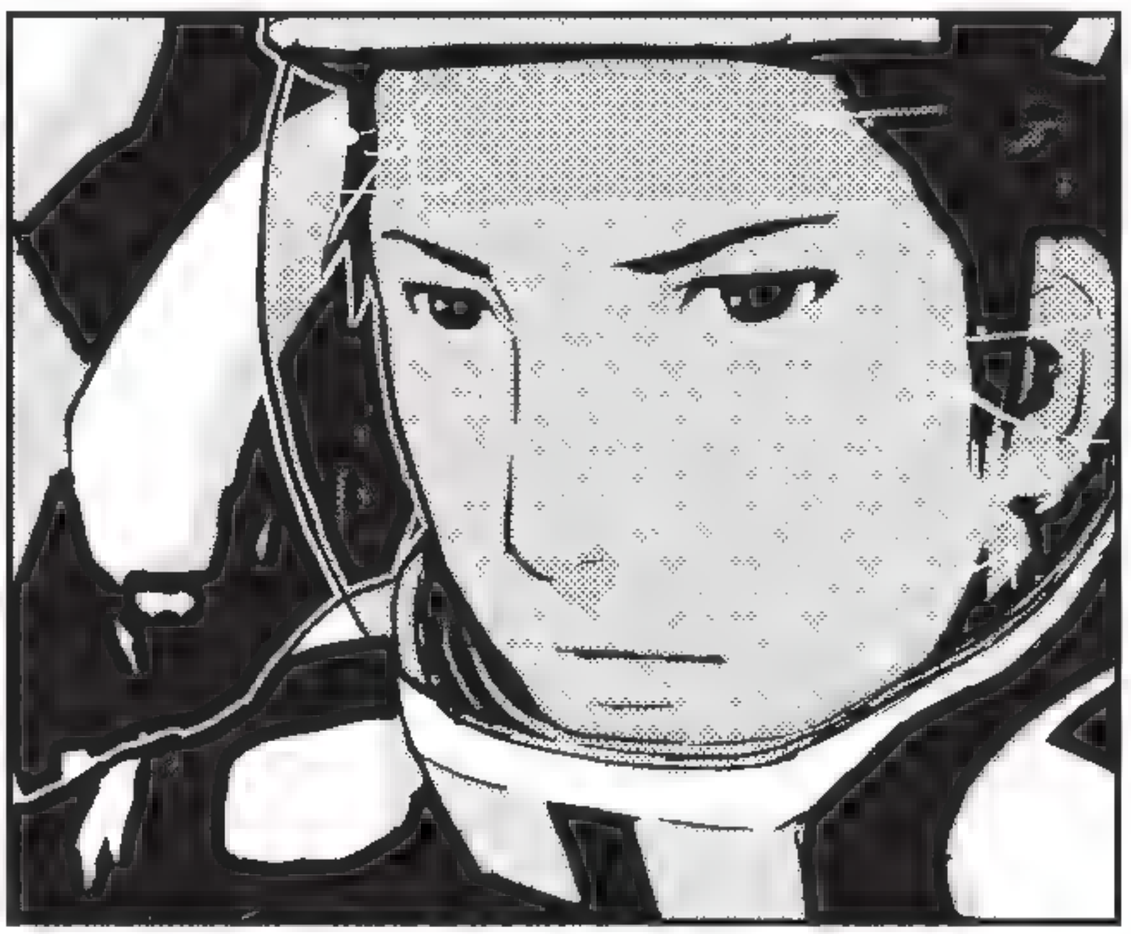
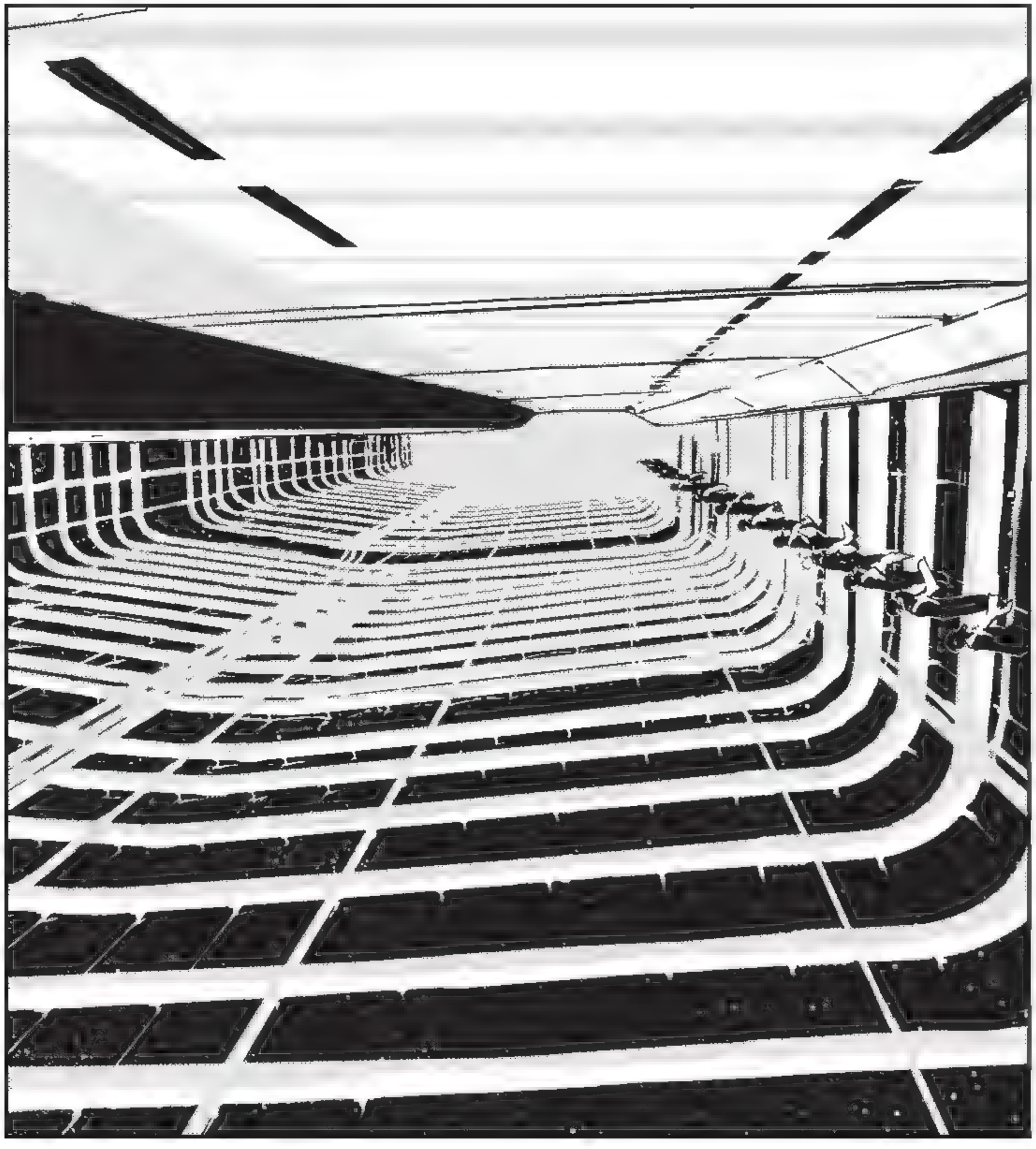
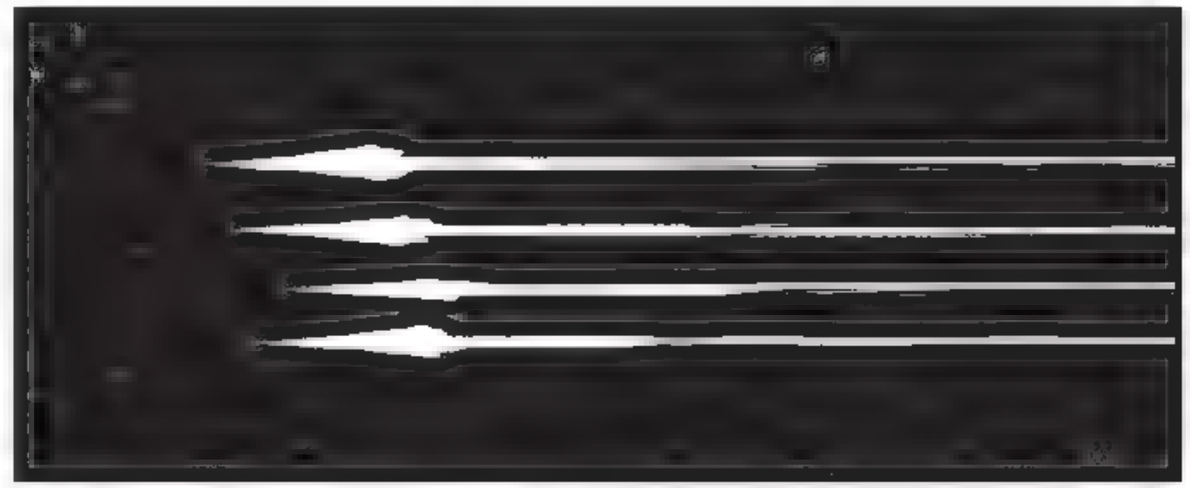
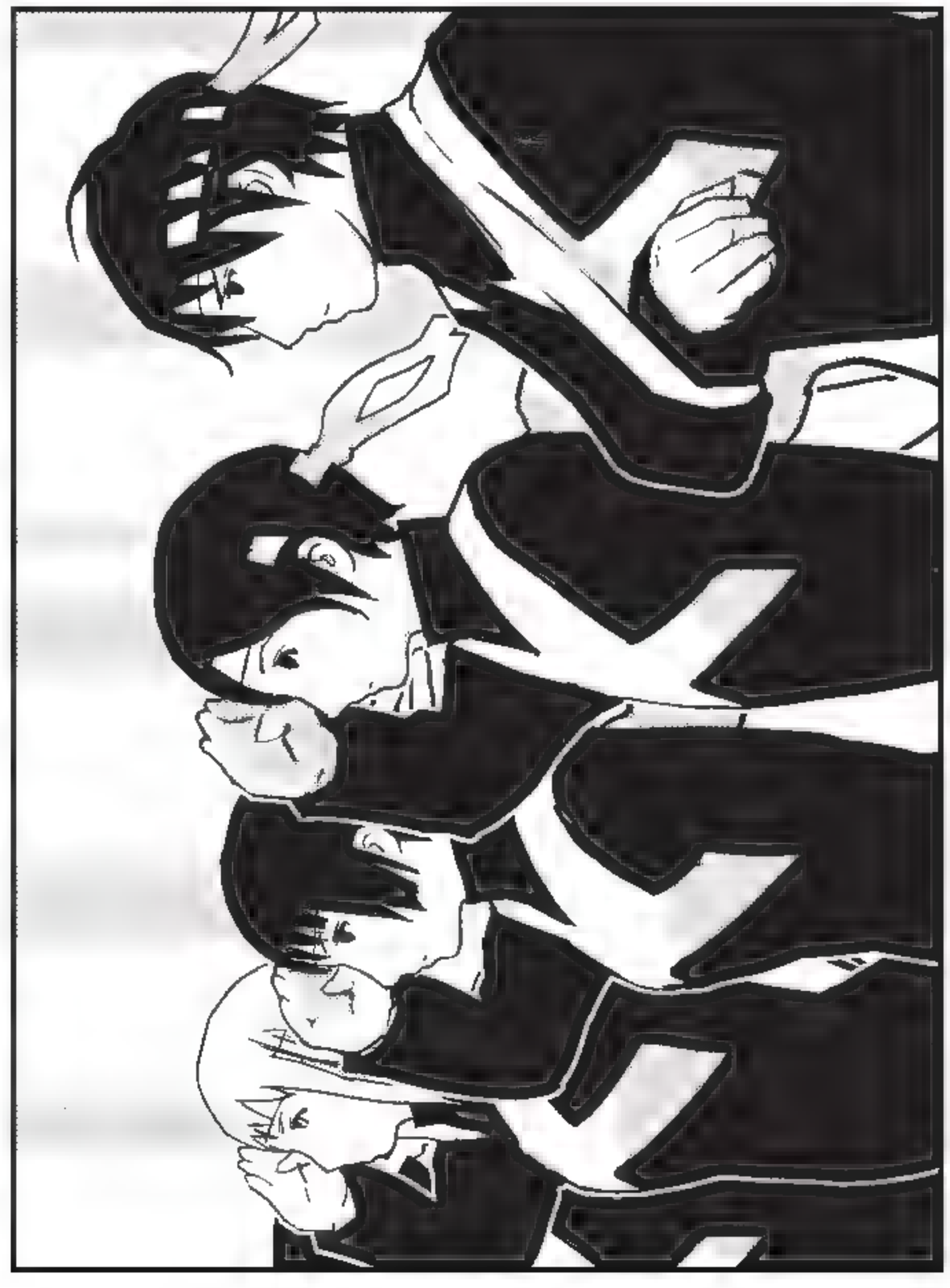










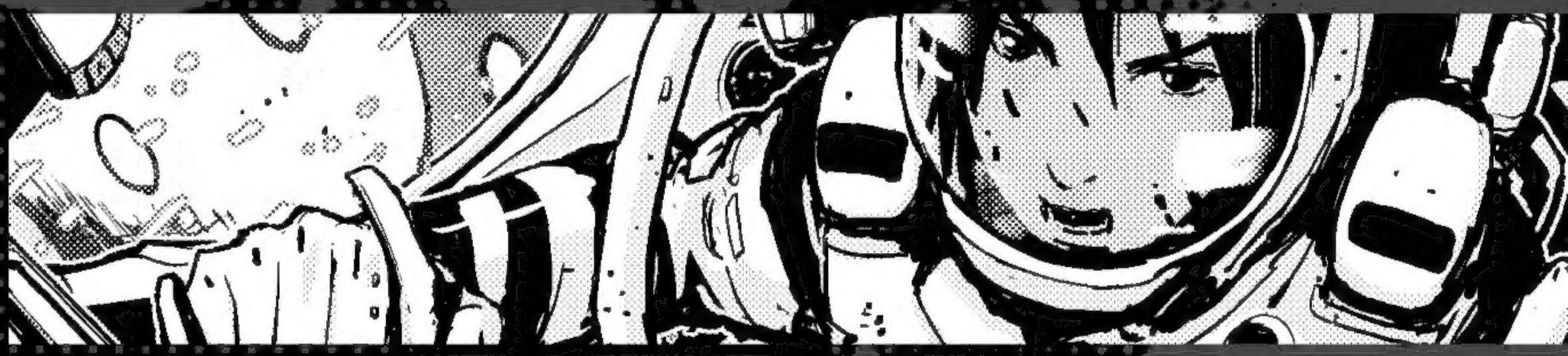


AFTER THAT YEAR, THE GRAVITY FESTIVAL WAS NEVER HELD AGAIN.

SOMETHING DEAR,

Nagate trembles as he witnesses the shocking scene before his eyes.

INFINITELY STRONG!!!!



Shocking!!

Moving!!!

to Make the World Shudder!!

IF IT'S TO PROTECT

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